Choose from the following phrases those which best describe your impression of each of the statements below.

A. How sad    B. Disturbing    C. That's hard to grasp
D. That gives me hope    E. Wonderful    F. That's a relief
G. That's shocking    H. That shows He cares
I. I didn't know that    J. Exciting    K. Other _______

1. Starting in Genesis we learn that life comes from Jesus, our Creator, and obedience would have sustained that life eternally. (John 1:3; 10; Ephesians 3:9; Genesis 1:1, 25; 2:17)

2. In love, the Creator who made everything, also told our first parents not to eat from one tree and warned them of the consequences. Either God was telling the truth—they would die, or the serpent was telling the truth—they wouldn't die. (Genesis 2:17; 3:4)

3. While sleeping, we are unconscious and unaware of the passing of time. The Bible refers to death as a dreamless state of sleep 66 times in 17 books of the Bible. (Ecclesiastes 9:5; Psalm 115:17)

4. Nowhere in the Bible are we told we have an immortal soul. Only God has immortality. At Christ's second coming He will call the dead to life, and the saints will put on immortality at that time. (1 Timothy 6:16; 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52)

5. We may experience the “sleep” of the first death before Jesus returns, but Jesus taught us we can avoid the second, eternal death. (John 5:24; 8:51; Revelation 20:6; 2:11; 21:8)

6. Jesus spoke life into the decomposing body of Lazarus before the general resurrection at the end. And before His second coming He has the same power to speak spiritual life into our stinky selfish lives. When we cooperate with His directives, He will give us His abundant life. (John 11:43, 44; 11:39; 6:63; 8:51; 11:40; 10:10)

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9. Choices: On the important subject of death, we must all make a choice. Will we choose to believe what God told Adam and Eve about death or will we believe the lie that Satan told Eve? (Genesis 2:17; 3:4)

10. Text, without a context, is a pretext.

11. Mark 5:39 NKJ When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but ________ing."

12. Mark 5:40 And they laughed Him to scorn. ...
Ecclesiastes 9:5  For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

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John 11:14  Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is __________.

John 11:21  ...Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

John 11:22  But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

John 11:23  ...Thy brother shall __________ again.

John 11:24  Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the ______ day.

Mark 12:26, 27  And as touching the dead, that they ________: have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err.

John 5:28, 29  Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Titus 2:13  Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

John 11:25  Jesus said unto her, ___ am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

John 14:6  Jesus saith unto him, ___ am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 11:26  nd  "And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never _____. Do you believe this?"

John 11:27  ...Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

John 8:51-53  Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see ________. Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom maketh thou thyself?

John 8:51  ... If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

John 11:35  Jesus wept.

John 11:38  Jesus therefore again __________ in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

John 11:39  Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been ________ four days.

John 11:40  Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

John 14:6  Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the ________, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 11:41-43  Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, __________ forth.

John 11:44  [Lazarus was] ... __________ hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin.

John 5:28, 29  ... a time is coming when all who are in their __________ will hear his voice and come out – those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

John 6:63  ... the __________ that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

John 5:24  Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 8:51  Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

1 Timothy 6:16  Who __________ hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

John 6:44  No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the ______ day.

1 Corinthians 15:51, 52  Behold, shew you a mystery; We shall not all __________, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.