

# Because He Lives

April 18, 2021  
1Cor 15:21-34  
"Living Secure"

<sup>20</sup> *But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

## 1 Corinthians 15:21-34

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

<sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup> When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.



<sup>29</sup> Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? <sup>30</sup> Why are we in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup> I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup> What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." <sup>33</sup>

Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." <sup>34</sup> Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.



# Competing Kings: *Me*, Satan and Jesus

Genesis 3:6

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Enthroned

Romans 1:32

Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

# Competing Kings: *Me, **Satan** and Jesus*

Genesis 3:1

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"

The woman said, "The serpent **deceived** me, and I ate."

Enthroned

Lie

# Competing Kings: *Me, Satan and Jesus*

John 10:12

He who is a hired hand (false pastor) and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

Enthroned

Lie

Isolate & Divide



# Competing Kings: *Me, **Satan** and Jesus*

John 10

<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

Enthroned

Lie

Isolate & Divide

Numb & Destroy

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I came that they may have life  
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ReThrone

Truth

Unite

# Competing Kings: *Me, Satan and Jesus*

John 10

<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

<sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

ReThrone

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Resurrect

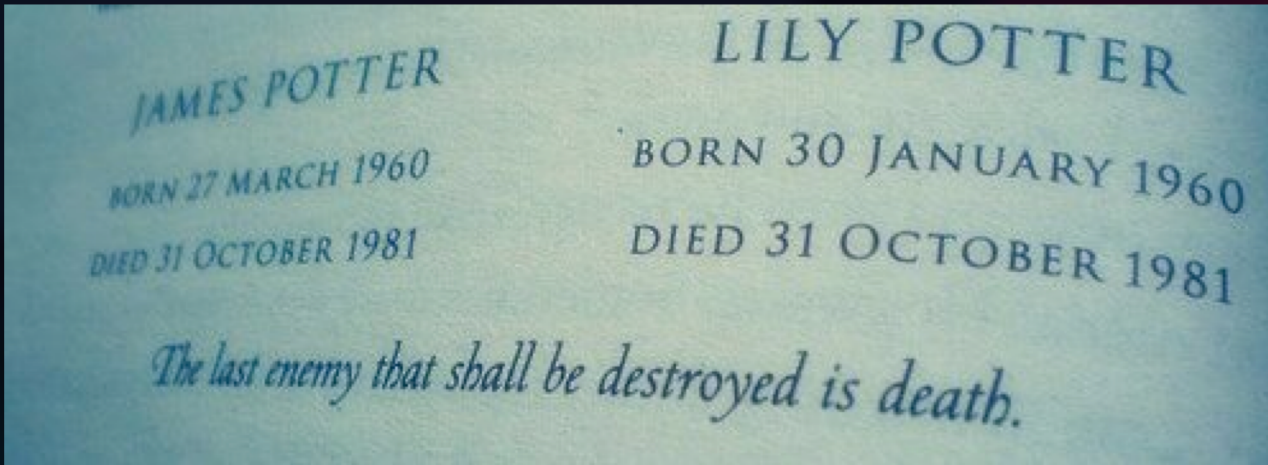


# Conquering King

<sup>24</sup> Then comes the end,  
when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father  
after destroying every rule  
and every authority and power.

<sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Harry did not need to kneel or even approach very close to it to make out the words engraved upon (his parents' headstone).



Hermione (said), her voice gentle. "It means...you know...living beyond death. Living after death."

But they were not living, though Harry: They were gone. The empty words could not disguise the fact

that his parents' moldering remains lay beneath snow and stone, indifferent, unknowing. And tears came before he could stop them, boiling hot then instantly freezing on his face, and what was the point in wiping them off or pretending? He let them fall, his lips pressed hard together, looking down at the thick snow hiding from his eyes the place where the last of Lily and James lay, bones now, surely, or dust, not knowing or caring that their living son stood so near, his heart still beating, alive because of their sacrifice and close to wishing, at this moment, that he was sleeping under the snow with them."

— J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*

## Hebrews 2

<sup>9b</sup> ...by the grace of God (Jesus)  
might taste death for everyone....

<sup>14b</sup> through death he might  
destroy the one who has the  
power of death, that is, the devil,  
<sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who  
through fear of death were  
subject to lifelong slavery.

## Revelation 15:1

Then I saw another  
sign in heaven, great  
and amazing, seven  
angels with seven  
plagues, which are  
the last, for with  
them the wrath of  
God is finished.



# Reigning King

<sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

*(so, between now and “the end of all things”)*

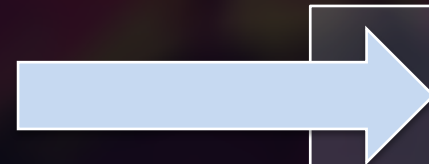
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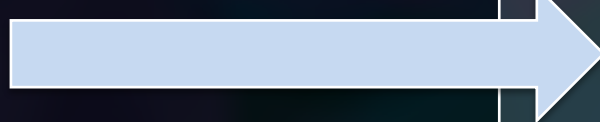
# Living Under Christ's Reign

<sup>31</sup> I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day!



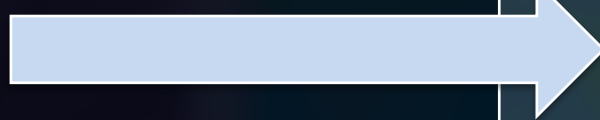
Dethrone

<sup>33</sup> Do not be deceived:



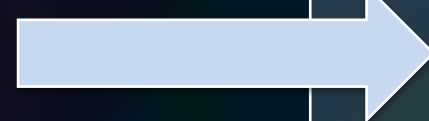
Believe

"Bad company ruins good morals."



Congregate

<sup>34</sup> Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning.



Revive

## Revelation 15:1-4

Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished.

<sup>2</sup> And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. <sup>3</sup> ...(singing)

*“Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!  
Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!*

*<sup>4</sup> Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?  
For you alone are holy. All nations will come  
and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”*