

# Why Funerals Should Be Victory Celebrations

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Introduction:

1. The grieving process: D \_\_\_\_\_, A \_\_\_\_\_, B \_\_\_\_\_, D \_\_\_\_\_ & A \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. The funeral is important to give C \_\_\_\_\_ to the loss - Matthew 9:23; Luke 7:12-15; John 11:33-35 & Luke 24:1.
3. Why should the funeral be a victory celebration?

## I. Because Jesus Died - But Rose Again! - v14

- A. His resurrection gives us hope H \_\_\_\_\_ that eternal resurrection is possible.
- B. What does the Lord's death on the cross make possible for us?

## II. Because the Resurrected Lord is Returning with His Children - v16

- A. The Lord's Second Coming will be S \_\_\_\_\_ - Matthew 24:27.
- B. Who will know when it happens? - Matthew 24:36. The last verses of the Bible say He is coming S \_\_\_\_\_ - Revelation 22:20.
- C. Who will meet Him first? - II Timothy 2:11-12
- D. What will happen when you die? - II Corinthians 5:8 & Luke 23:43

## III. Because We Who Are Alive Will Join Them Forever! - v17

- A. What kind of bodies will we have?
- B. We will be T \_\_\_\_\_ forever!  
- John 14:2-3 & John 3:16.

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