

<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ...

### **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

### 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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What word ought to go before that amazing little phrase "one another"?

"Therefore encourage one another  
with these words."

**1 Thessalonians 4:18**

**"...with these words."**

**1 Thessalonians 4:18**

# 4 questions about death:

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What did Jesus do with it?



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What do Christians do with it?

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What does our culture do with it?

What did Jesus do with it?

What do Christians do with it?

What will I do with it?

"Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope."

**1 Thessalonians 4:13**



We ignore death



“Ignore death up to the last minute..”

**Aldous Huxley**





"Ignore death up to the last minute..  
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**Aldous Huxley**





We ignore death

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We ignore death

We deny death

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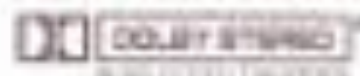
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We ignore death

We deny death

We fear death

We normalize death

# **4 questions about death:**

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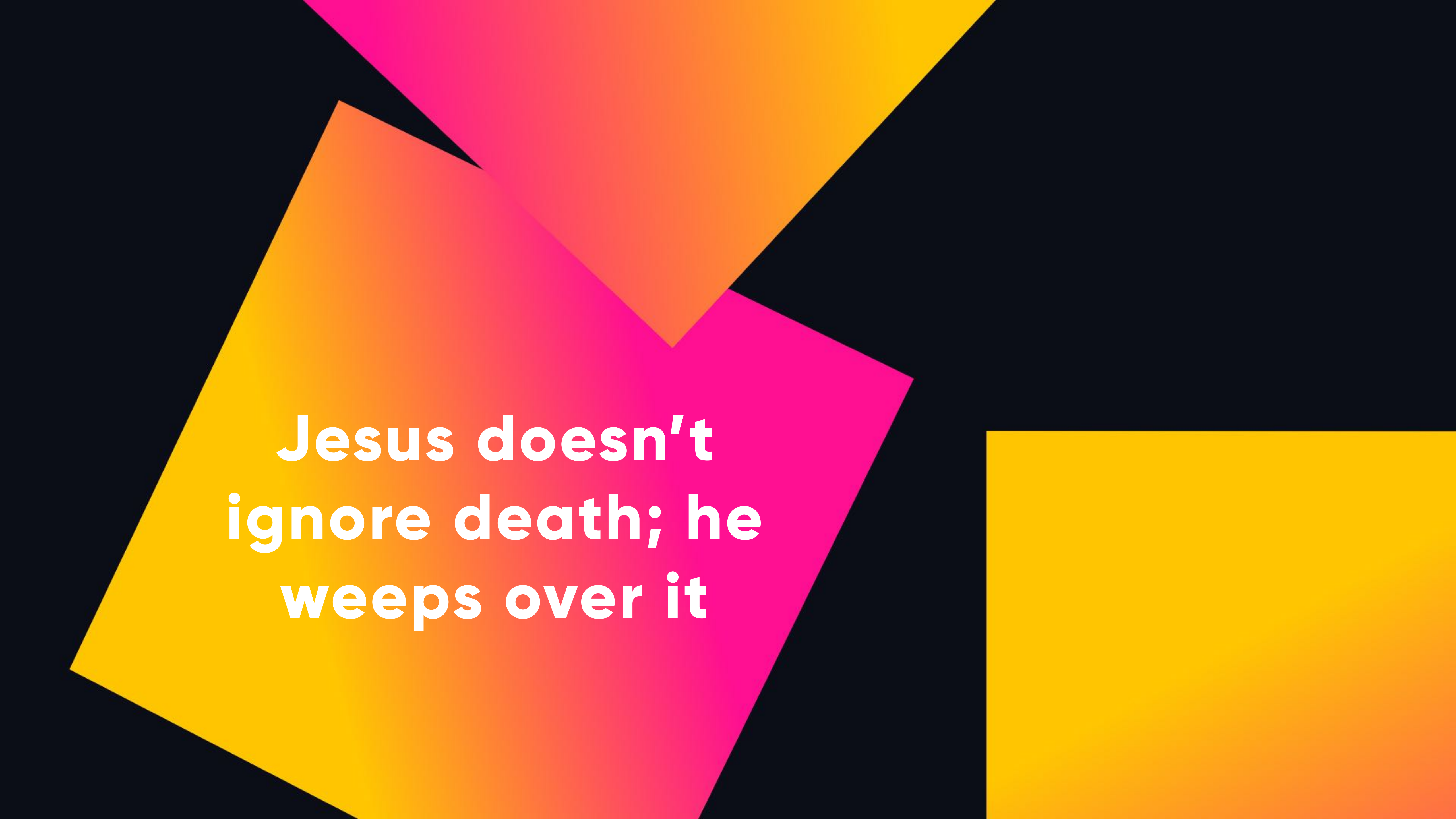
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What did Jesus do with it?

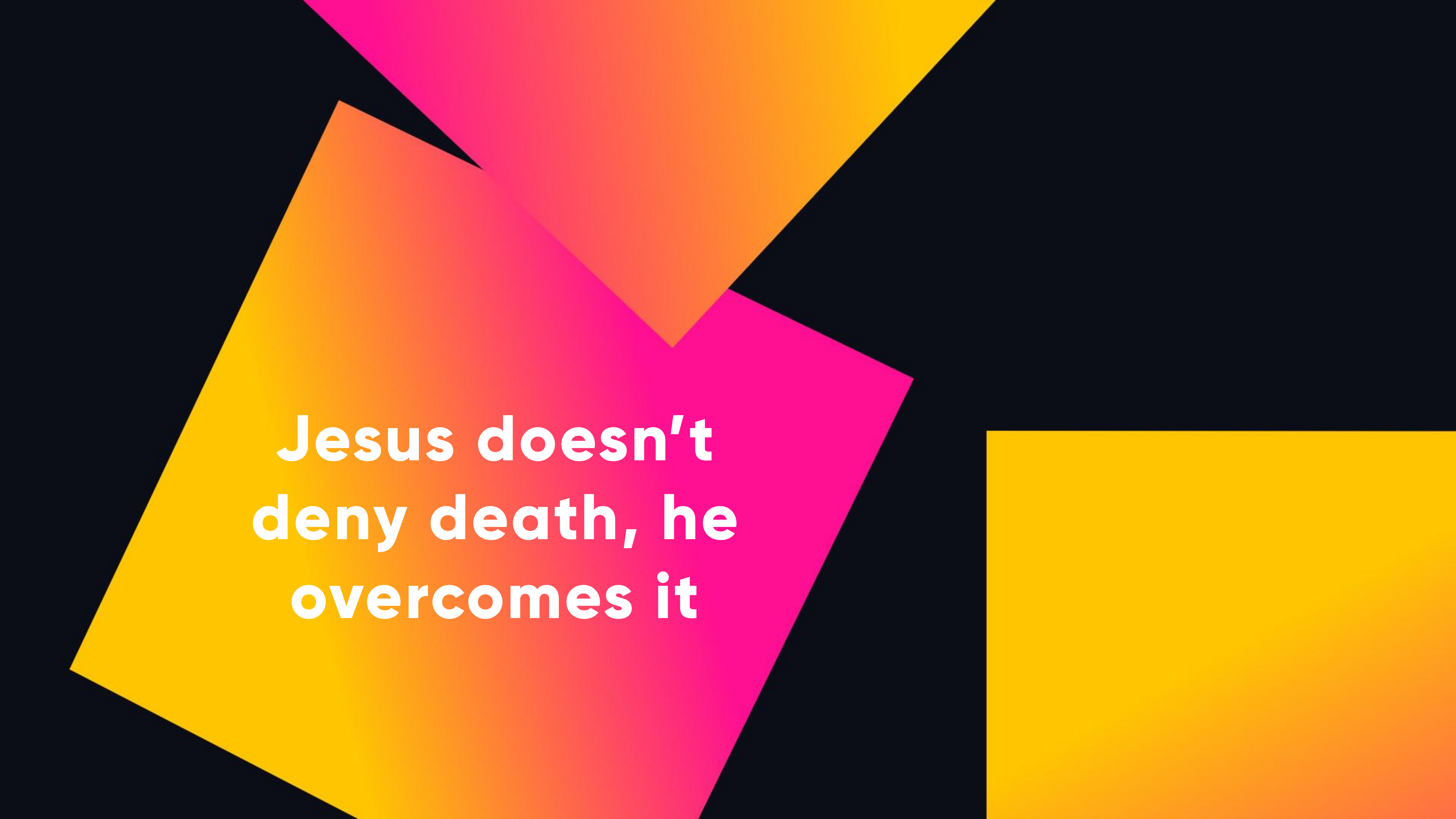


"Jesus wept."

**John 11 : 35**



**Jesus doesn't  
ignore death; he  
weeps over it**



**Jesus doesn't  
deny death, he  
overcomes it**

"So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?" ... Then Thomas...said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."


**John 11 : 6 - 8, 16**



**Jesus doesn't  
fear death,  
he defeats it**

“he was deeply moved in  
spirit and troubled.”

**John 11 : 33**



**Jesus doesn't  
normalize  
death, he  
protests it**

# **4 questions about death:**

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What does our culture do with it?

What did Jesus do with it?

What do Christians do with it?




"For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him."

**1 Thessalonians 4:14**

“And so we will be with the Lord forever.”

**1 Thessalonians 4:17**

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- 1.) Your bad things will turn out for good
  - 2.) Your good things can never be taken away from you
  - 3.) Your best things are yet to come.

**Jonathan Edwards**

# **4 questions about death:**

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What does our culture do with it?

What did Jesus do with it?

What do Christians do with it?

What will I do with it?

"the dead in Christ"

**1 Thessalonians 4:16**