

*Big Idea:* In *Philippians 4:13-18*, Paul addresses a very practical and understandable concern. As Christians wait for the Lord’s return, what about those who have passed away? These words about the resurrection and Second Coming of Christ give us hope and encouragement: at the end, believers will always be with the Lord.

**I. Introduction**

Why was Jesus so late to the event in John 11? *John 11:14*

**II. Unlocking The Text**

What is the question Paul seems to be answering? *1 Thes. 4:13*

What does Christian grief look like? *1 Thes. 4:13*

What does the resurrection of Christ have to do with this topic? *1 Thes. 4:14*  
*see also 1 Cor 15*

What is Paul’s answer to the question? *1 Thes. 4:15-16*

What are the characteristics of the event described in verse 17? *1 Thes. 4:17*

What are some of the different Christian views of end times / last days?

What can all Christians agree upon?

How does this text encourage you? What is your take-away?