

He Lives! We win!

God's Home Run

Matthew 28:1-10

¹ The Sabbath was over, and it was almost daybreak on Sunday when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

² Suddenly a strong earthquake struck, and the Lord's angel came down from heaven. He rolled away the stone and sat on it. ³ The angel looked as bright as lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards shook from fear and fell down, as though they were dead.



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⁵ The angel said to the women, “**Don’t be afraid!** I know you are looking for Jesus, who was nailed to a cross. ⁶ He isn’t here! God has raised him to life, just as Jesus said he would. **Come, see** the place where his body was lying. ⁷ **Now hurry! Tell** his disciples that he has been raised to life and is on his way to Galilee. Go there, and you will see him. That is what I came to tell you.”



Matthew 28:1-10

⁸ The women were frightened and yet very happy, as they hurried from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples.

⁹ **Suddenly** Jesus met them and greeted them. They went near him, held on to his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said, “**Don’t be afraid!** Tell my followers to go to Galilee. They will see me there.”

Why Did He Have To Die?

Genesis 2:17

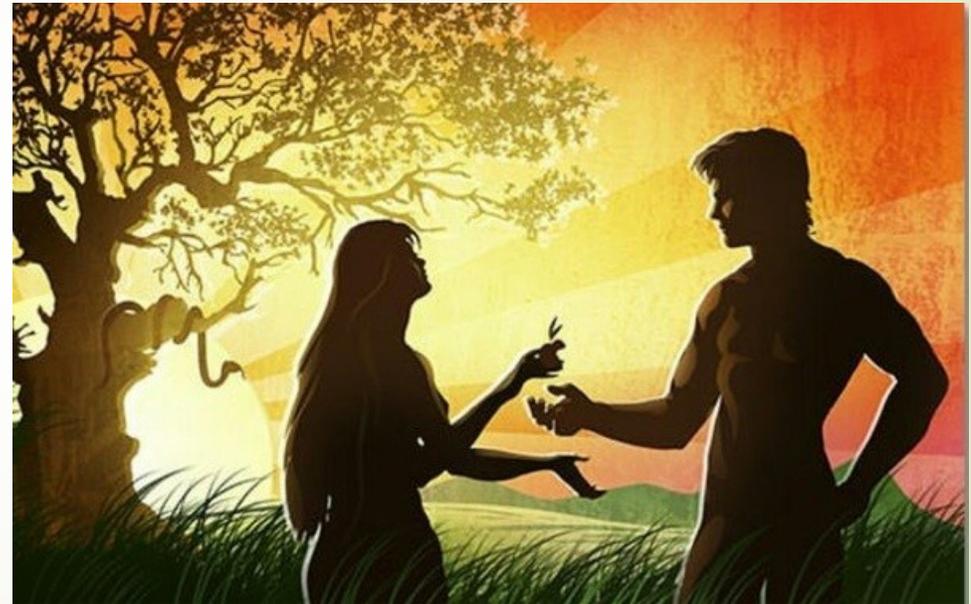
¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.



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Ezekiel 18:4

⁴ Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: **the soul who sins shall die.**



Why Did He Have To Die?

Romans 6:23

²³ For **the wages of sin is death**, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.





Why Did He Have To Die?

Hebrews 9:22, 10:3-4, 9:12

9:22 Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and **without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.**

10:3 But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. **4** For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

9:12 Then Christ went once for all into the most holy place and freed us from sin forever. He did this by offering his own blood instead of the blood of goats and bulls.

Why Did He Have To Die?

Someone had to receive the full punishment of sin! Someone had to serve the sentence for sin!

Mark 8:31

⁸ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man **must** suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and **be killed**, and after three days **rise again**.

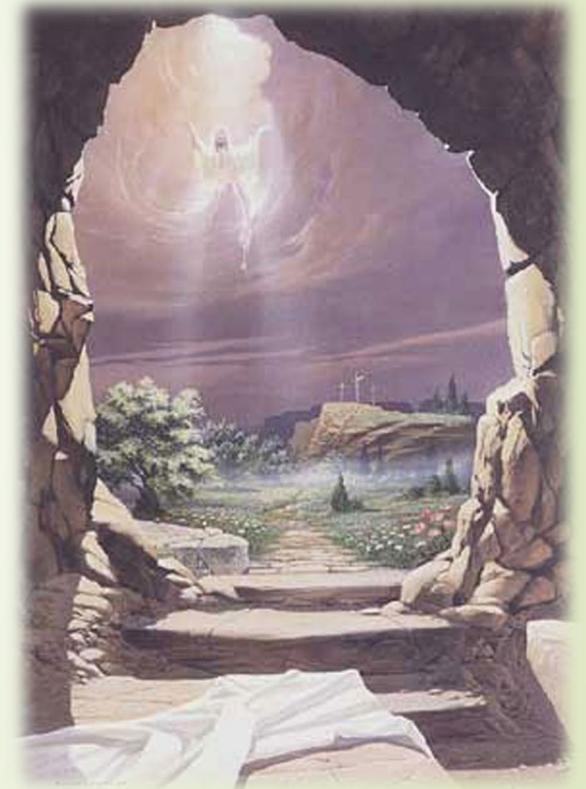


Death and Resurrection

Jesus' sacrifice paid our debt!
But I still needed more help.

Romans 4:24b-25

24b ...It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, **25** who was **delivered up for our trespasses** and **raised for our justification**.



Death and Resurrection!

The death of Jesus pays my debt, but even though I am debt free, I am still broke. It is the resurrection that makes me rich!

1 Peter 1:3

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, **he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**



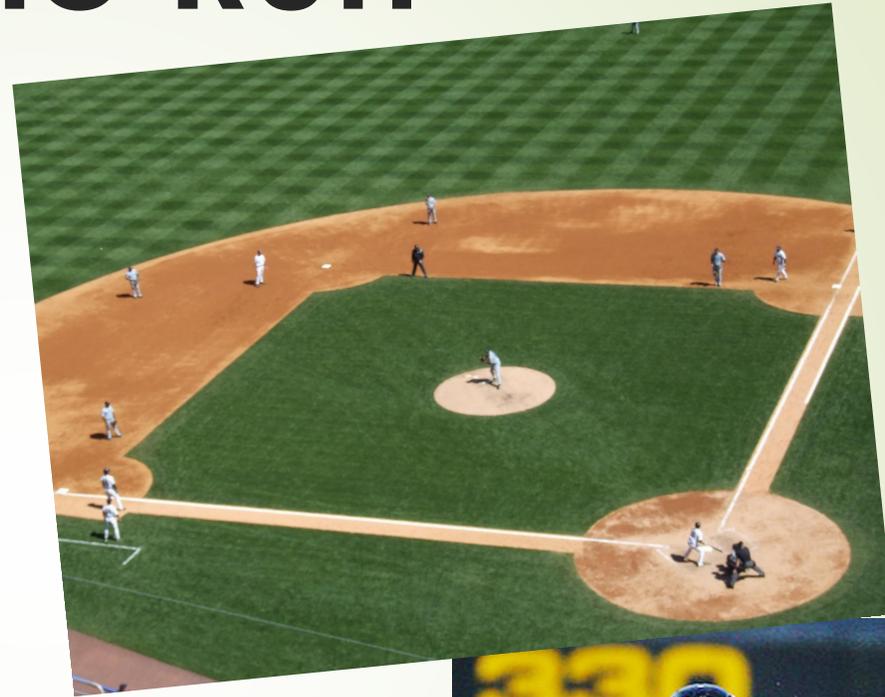
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In baseball, a home run happens when a batter hits a fair ball and knock it out of the park, allowing him to run the bases and come back home to score a run.



God's Home Run

If there is a player in each base ("the bases are loaded"), they all run home and score a point each. **It's a grand slam** and there is nothing the opposing team can do but watch!



The Bat Meets The Ball

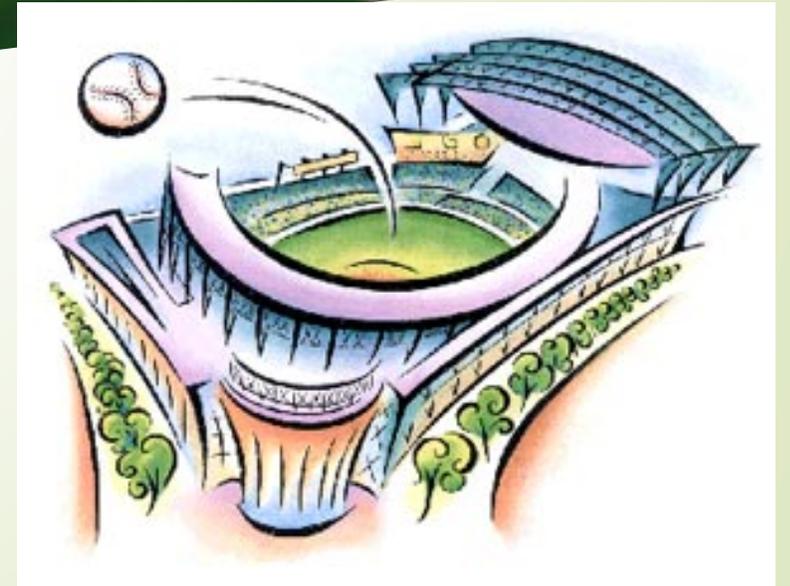
Many years ago, scientist and radio talk-show host Bill Wattenburg was asked on live radio if a baseball ever come to a complete stand still after the pitch. He thought for a moment and said, "Yes, for a split second, at the moment it reverses course after making contact with the bat."



The Bat Meets The Ball

In the resurrection of Jesus, God intervene in human history and reversed the course of sin. His bat hit the ball out of the park!

All that is left is for us to run the bases and make it home!



God's Home Run

In the resurrection of Jesus, God's hit a grand slam and we are running the bases to win the game!

