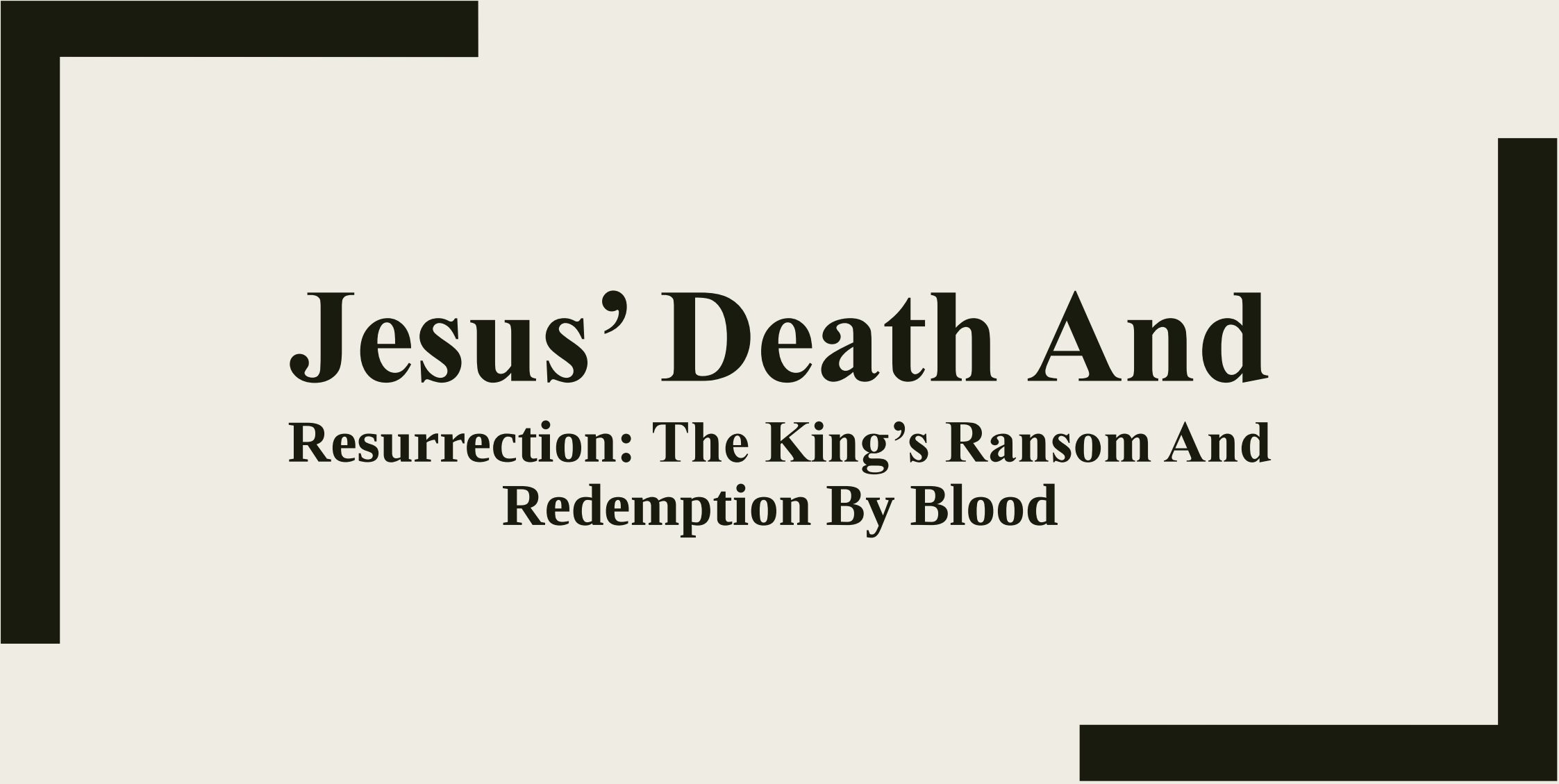


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Jesus' Death And

Resurrection: The King's Ransom And Redemption By Blood

- **He Is A King** -- John 18:36: “(In answer to Pilate’s question, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ Yeshua answered, ‘My kingship does not derive its authority from this world’s order of things. If it did, my followers would have fought to keep me from being arrested by the Jewish authorities. But my kingdom does not come from here.’” (from *The Complete Jewish Bible*)

Jesus: The King who Gave His life to Ransom Us from Satan

Matt. 20:28—“the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many.”

1 Tim. 2:5-6—“For there is one God and one mediator also between God and humanity, the person Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all people...”

Ransom: “a covering, a release price, a satisfaction” – the “ransom theory of atonement” – from the 4th to the 11th century – main idea

*In the ancient world, ransom was accomplished by *sacrifice*

*We were captured by Satan; Jesus paid the ransom price and we were set free. *A Man on Fire* – “A life for a life”

*His redeeming death set us free!—His death on the Cross paid for the liberation of all captives from the power of Satan, sin, and death: **REDEMPTION BY BLOOD**

■ Scriptures: Yeah God! Jesus Set Us (and Everything!) Free!

First Us—We who have Surrendered our Lives to our Ransomer

Isaiah 49:9—“I will say to the prisoners, ‘Come out in freedom!’ and to those in darkness, ‘Come into the light!’ And they will be my sheep, grazing in green pastures and on hills that were previously bare.”

Isaiah 61:1—”The Spirit of the sovereign Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to announce good news to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for all captives, and freedom to all prisoners.”

Luke 4:17-20—“And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Jesus. Unrolling it, He found the place where it is written: (Insert Isaiah 61:1 here.) Then He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on Him. He began speaking to them and said, ‘Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.’”

Messiah has come!

■ *Then Everything--All Humanity and All Aspects of the Known Universe*

The Ransom Paid by His Life Purchased New Life for All Humanity and for All Aspects of the Known Universe

Col. 1:13—“For He has rescued/delivered/ransomed (set free) us from the domain/kingdom/government of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom/domain/government of the Son He loves.” *Transferred – Grk* – “to move something from one place or sphere to another.”

Col. 1:19-20—”God was pleased to have all His fullness to dwell in Him (Jesus Christ), and through Him (Jesus), to reconcile all things to Himself, whether things on earth or in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.”

- Romans 8:19, 21—“The whole creation waits in breathless anticipation for the (completed) revelation of God’s sons and daughters...when all living things (on earth and in the heavens) will be set free (ransomed) from slavery to the power of decay and death, and will be brought into the glorious freedom of the sons and daughters of God.”

- Aslan: His life sacrificed for Edmund's and all of Narnia – *The Lion, Witch, and the Wardrobe*



■ TableTalk Discussion Questions

Gather in groups of 3-4 and each share, as led, your answers to one of these two questions:

in what part of your life has Jesus truly set you free from being Satan's captive? How is that victory shown in your life?
and in what part of your life do you still need Jesus' freedom so that you can be "free indeed?" ("So if the Son sets free, you will be free indeed." John 8:36

Pray for all at the end – rejoicing for the good stuff; asking God's grace for areas of struggle.