

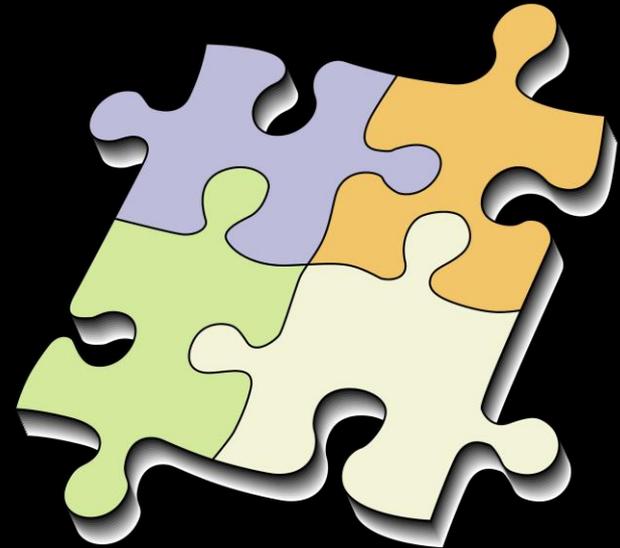


1 Thessalonians 4v13-18

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3v10: Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.



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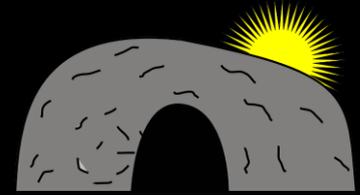
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John 11v11: “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.”

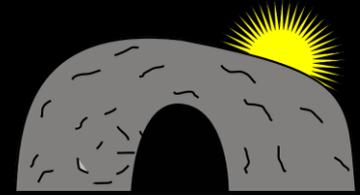
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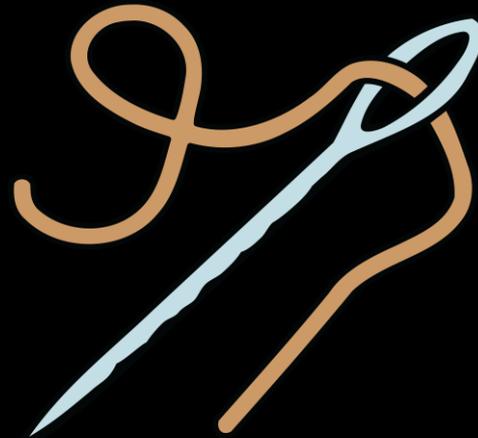


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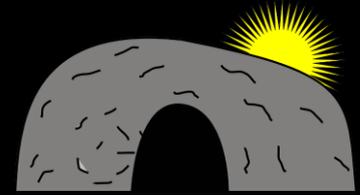
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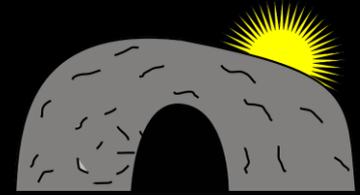


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Mt 25v31: When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne.

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V15: 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.

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V16: 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.

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V18: Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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1 John 3v2: Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

