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*What happens when you die?*

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*"I regard the brain as a computer which will stop working when its components fail. There is no heaven or afterlife for broken down computers; that is a fairy story for people afraid of the dark."*

*- Stephen Hawking*



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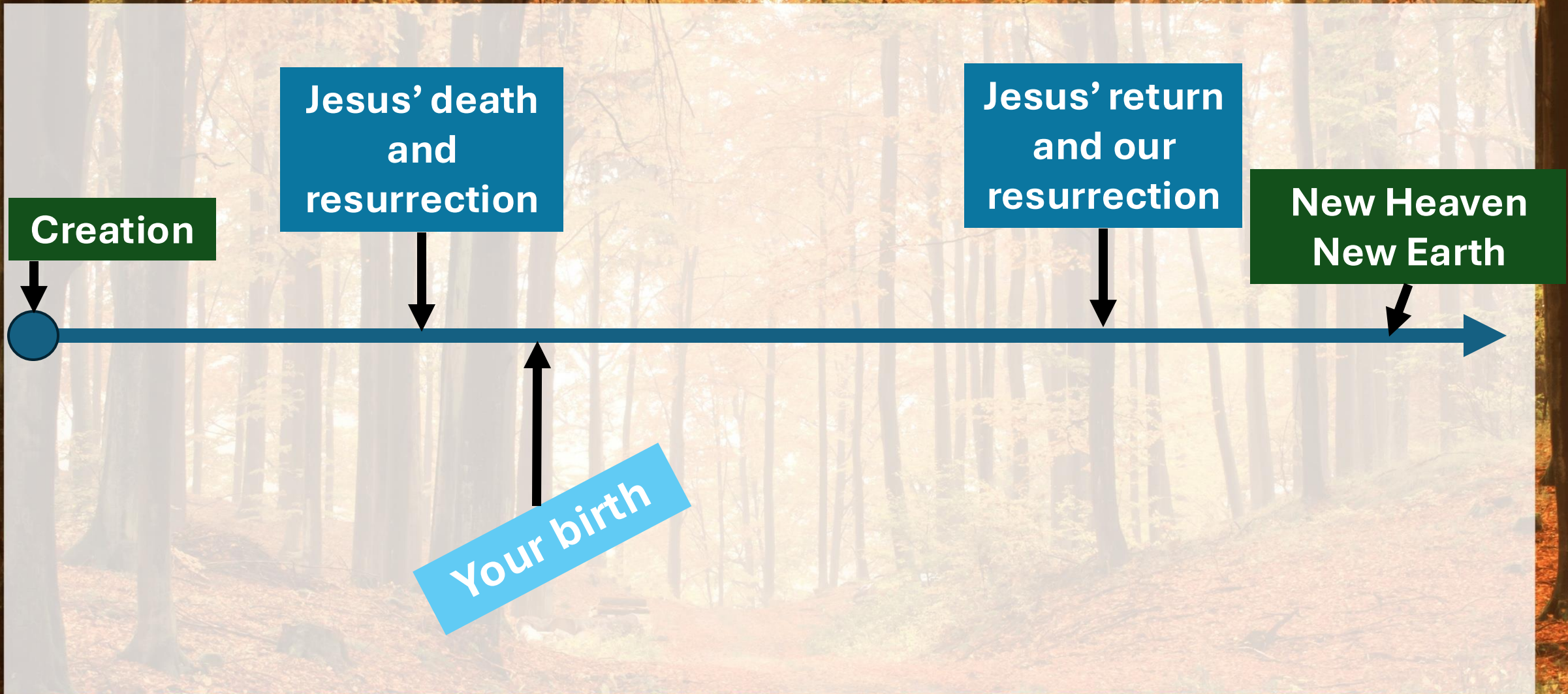
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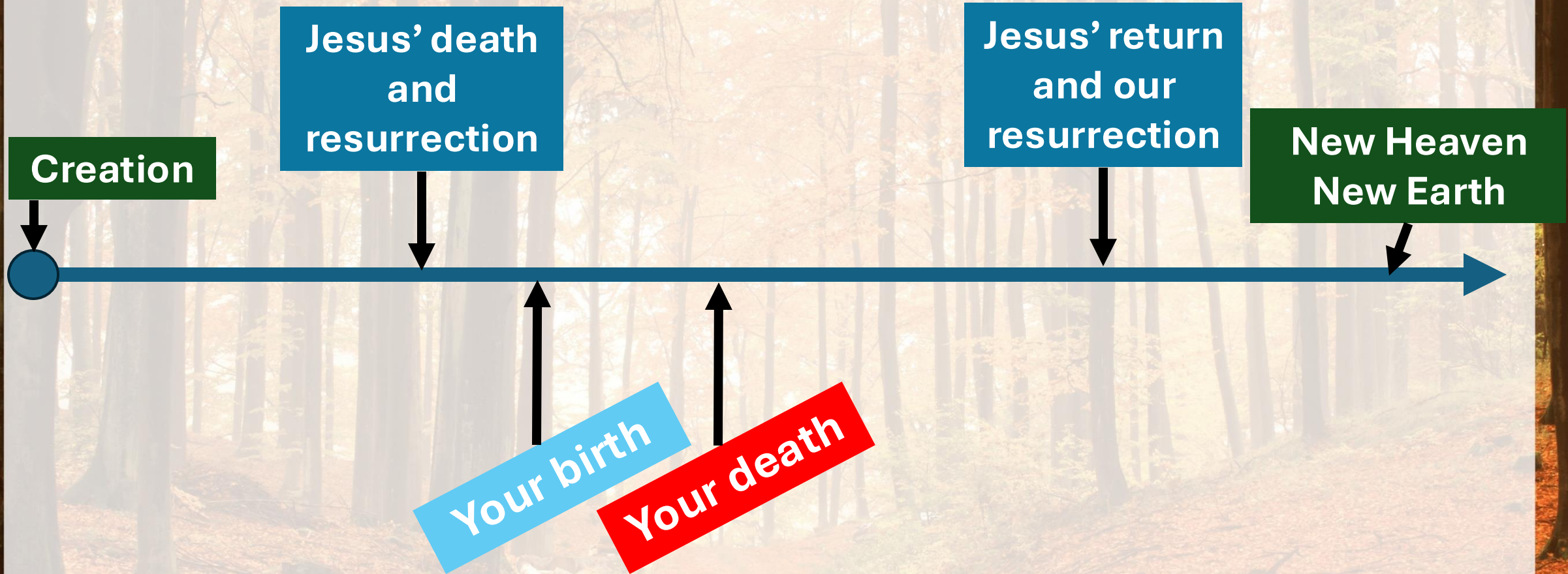
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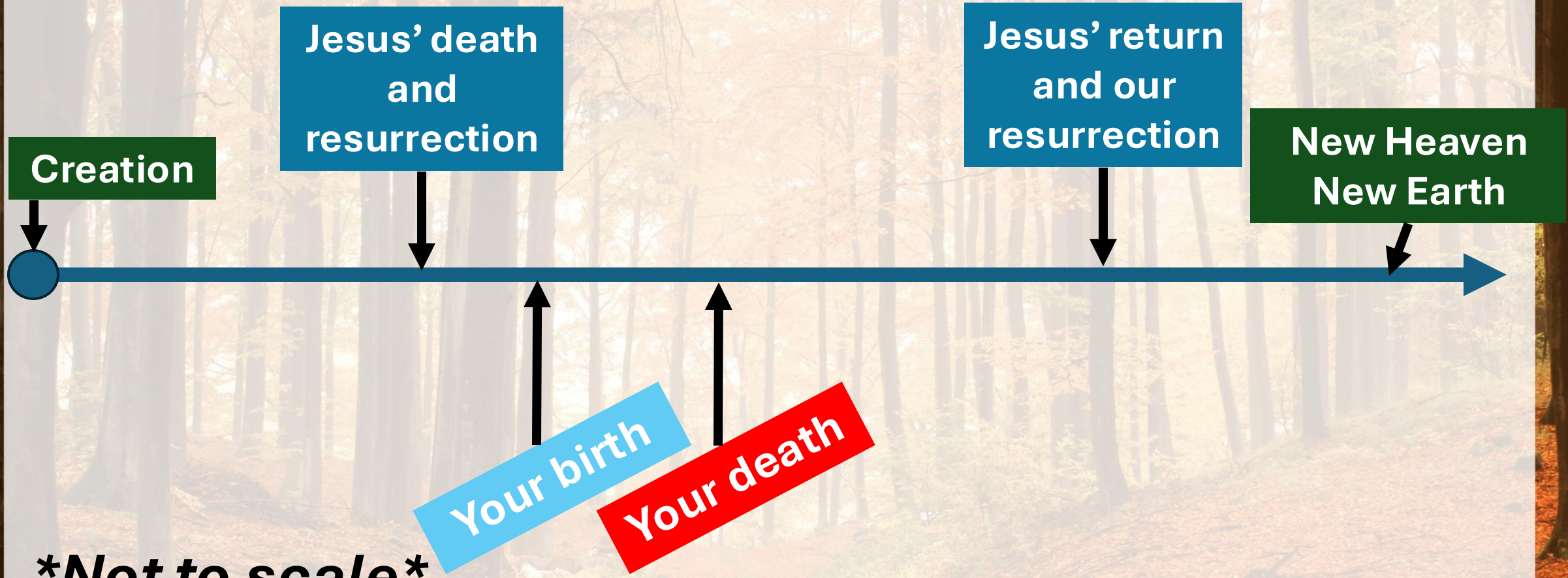
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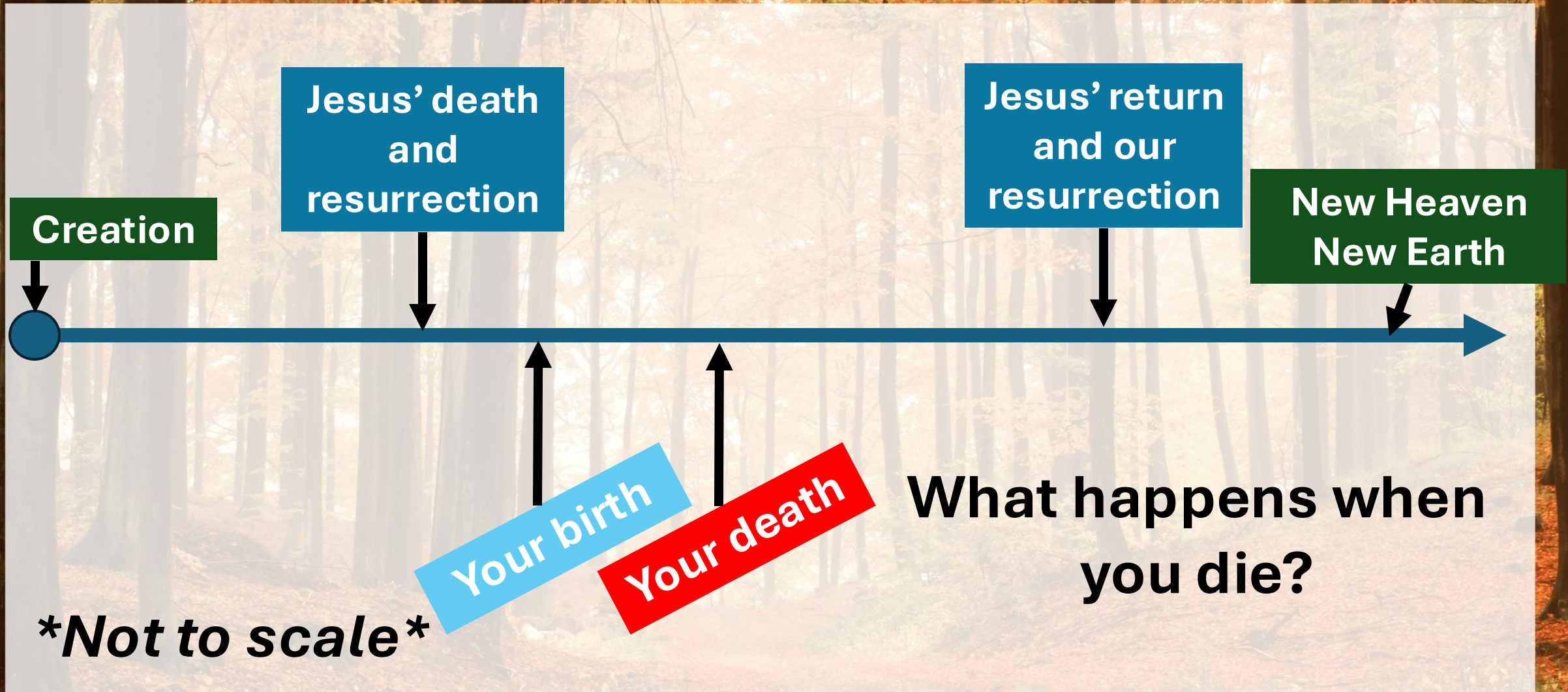


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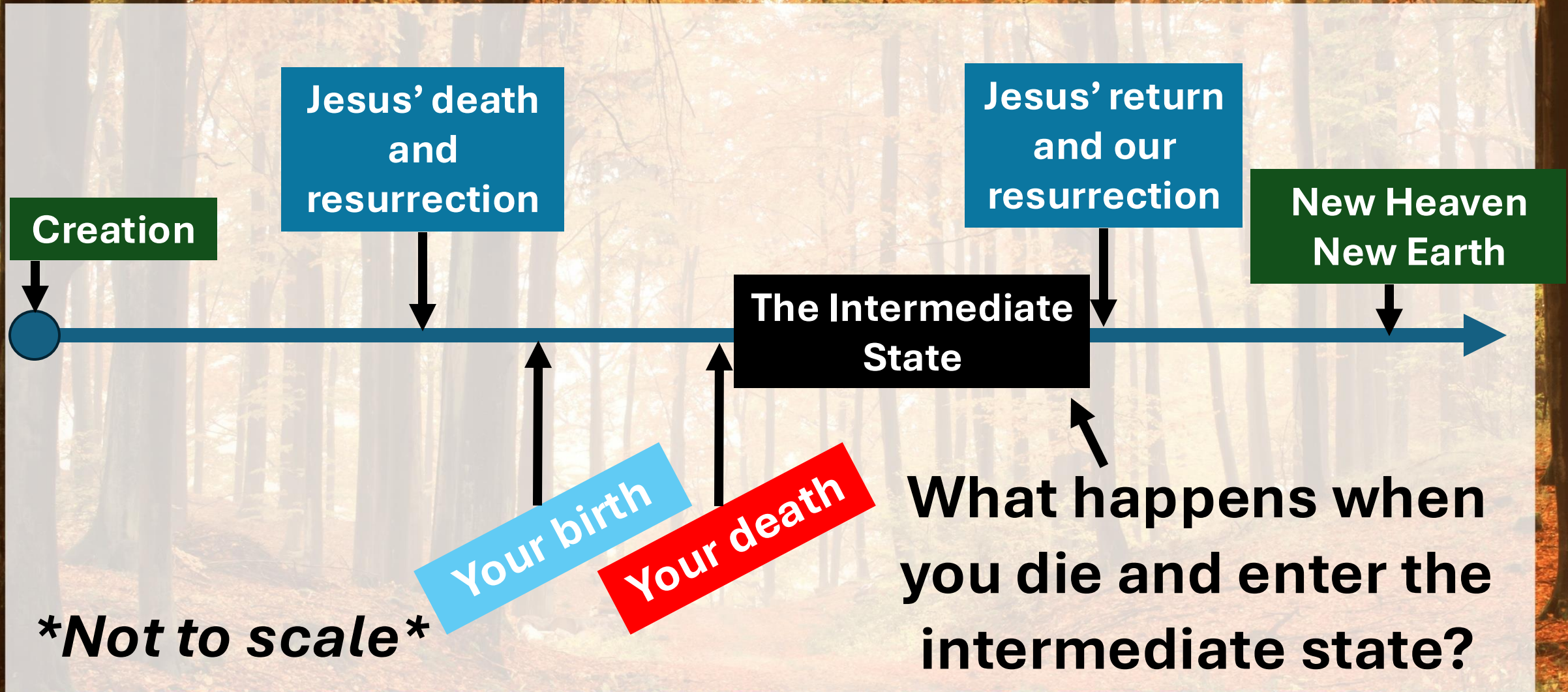
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**Immediately you are with Jesus in a much better place**



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Dwight Moody, when facing his death he said:

*“Pretty soon you’re going to read in the Chicago papers that Dwight Moody is dead. Don’t you believe it. I will be more alive than I am right now.”*



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**You will be in an eternal heavenly home with Jesus**



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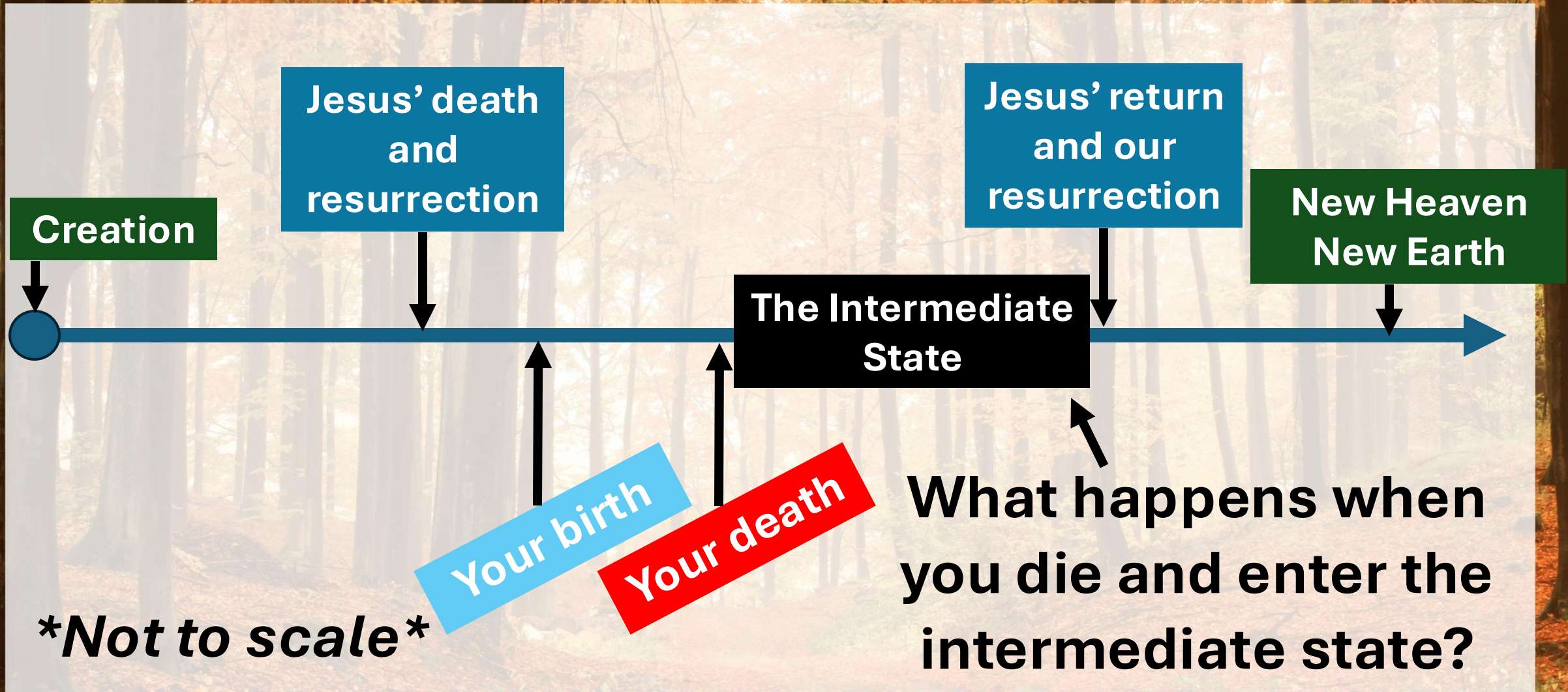
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## **The Intermediate State Is...**

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### The Intermediate State Is...

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### The Intermediate State Is...

- A place of blessing
- In presence of Jesus
- Personal
- **Conscious**



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### The Intermediate State Is...

- A place of blessing
- In presence of Jesus
- Personal
- Conscious
- **Disembodied**



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- Stage one of a two-part process
- **Guaranteed for those who are in Christ**



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#### Luke 16:19-31

*The parable of the rich man and Lazarus*

*“between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.*



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- **Not “soul sleep”**



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#### **What about believers in the Old Testament?**

**Old Testament believers go immediately into God's presence.**

There are not a lot of references. Those that give indication point to immediate conscious enjoyment in God's presence, not waiting in a time away from God.



### **The Intermediate State**

#### **What about believers in the Old Testament?**

- Enoch was taken into the presence of God (Heb 11:5)
- David is confident that he will be in the house of the Lord forever (Ps 23:6)
- Jesus appears with Moses and Elijah to his disciples (Matt 17:3)
- Matt 22:32 – “He is not God of the dead, but of the living”



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- “Sheol” is used 65x in OT – the Hebrew “realm of the dead”
- “the place where the dead reside, the grave, underworld, wasteland, void”



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**Feel your feelings, tenaciously grab onto the truth**



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*“Death used to be able to crush us but now all death can do is plant us in God’s soil so we become something extraordinary.”*

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