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THE FIRST & SECOND LETTERS OF PETER | THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

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3. Jesus, your king, experienced burial—so his followers need not fear the grave (verses 40-47).

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The descent is, in other words, an incredibly pastoral doctrine. Jesus has fully experienced death—just as all of us will unless Jesus returns in glory first....The Last Enemy, Death, has already been defeated. Jesus has taken the full brunt of its sting and in doing so destroyed its power and dominion. He has broken down the gates of Death’s stronghold.”

—*Matthew Emerson, He Descended to the Dead*