

***The Great Equalizer***  
**Ecclesiastes 2:12-17**

Main Point:

Death will come to all of us, but there is hope because Jesus Christ rose from the dead.

1. We are constantly faced with the choice between living wisely or foolishly.

2. Living wisely is always the right choice to make.

3. Either way, though, everyone will die in the end.

4. This is distressing and makes life out to be worthless.

5. But there is hope for us because Jesus Christ rose from the dead.

**Philip Ryken** “Wisdom in this sense is not the deep spiritual understanding that begins and ends with the fear of the Lord, but simply good, moral, practical advice for daily life that comes from people like Benjamin Franklin, Emily Post, Oprah Winfrey, and Dr. Phil.”

**Ecclesiastes 1:11** <sup>11</sup> *There is no remembrance of former things, Nor will there be any remembrance of things that are to come By those who will come after.* (NKJV)

**Philip Ryken** “Death has the power to erase the very memory of our existence. Sometimes people try to overcome this problem by earthly achievement, but death still wins out in the end.”

**Job 3:3** <sup>3</sup> “May the day perish on which I was born, And the night *in which* it was said, ‘A male child is conceived.’ (NKJV)

**Philip Ryken** “The only way out of that hatred is to find wisdom that comes from above the sun and life that comes from beyond the grave.”

**Matthew 28:5-6** <sup>5</sup> But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; for He is risen, as He said ... (NKJV)

**John 11:25-26** <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. <sup>26</sup> And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die ... (NKJV)