

# ENCOURAGING WORDS FOR DISCOURAGING DAYS

## BREAKING DEATH'S JAWS

### SELECTED SCRIPTURES



### The Heart of the Matter

*Death.* Poets and playwrights from Euripides to Shakespeare acknowledge its all-consuming presence in the world. From its opening pages to its resounding conclusion, the Bible reminds us time and again that none will evade the inevitability of death. We see it all around us—on the news, among acquaintances, and even in our families. Where does encouragement come from with so many dying? The story of Lazarus and his grieving sisters provides us some guidance on the source and content of the hope we have in Christ.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. Death Comes to Us All

No one can escape the clutches of death. Each of us will be touched by it, as the Bible makes clear from Genesis to Revelation.

#### 2. Preparing for Death (John 11:1–6, 17–27)

How do we cope when death takes a loved one from us? Like Mary and Martha did, we should trust that Christ, who called Himself “the resurrection” (John 11:25), will resurrect His people when He returns.



### Starting Your Journey

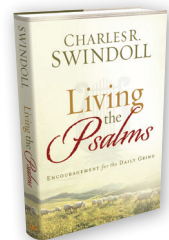
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### Tools for Digging Deeper



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