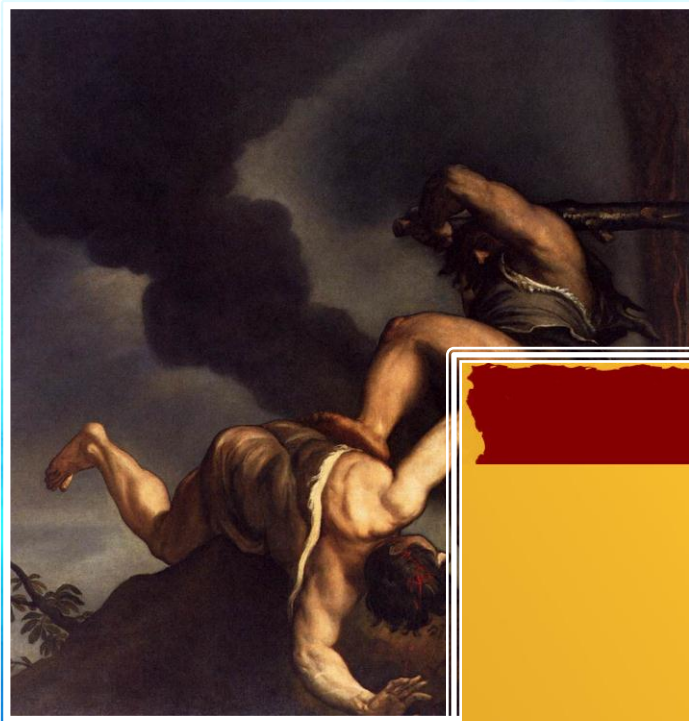


The background of the image is a dramatic sky. A bright sunburst or light source is visible in the upper center, breaking through dark, swirling clouds. The light creates a strong lens flare effect, with rays of light extending outwards. The colors range from deep blue and purple in the shadows to bright yellow and white in the lightest areas of the sunburst.

**WHY ARE WE AFRAID OF
DEATH?**

Why do we struggle so much with death?
Solomon, for a number of reasons, also
had trepidation:

- Ecclesiastes 2:18-23 – Losing a legacy
- 3:19-21 – Death lacks nobility
- 5:15-16 – No exchange rate
- 6:12, 9:12 – It is unexpected
- 9:4-6 – No more earthly activity
- 12:1-8 – The process of dying




THE FIRST QUESTION WE NEED TO ASK...

WHY DO WE DIE?



**“...DEATH SPREAD TO ALL MEN,
BECAUSE ALL SINNED...”**

ROMANS 5:12-21



“FOR THE CREATION WAS SUBJECTED TO FUTILITY, NOT OF ITS OWN WILL, BUT BECAUSE OF HIM WHO SUBJECTED IT IN HOPE, THAT THE CREATION ITSELF WILL BE SET FREE FROM ITS SLAVERY TO CORRUPTION INTO THE FREEDOM OF THE GLORY OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD. FOR WE KNOW THAT THE WHOLE CREATION GROANS AND SUFFERS THE PAIN OF CHILDBIRTH TOGETHER UNTIL NOW.”

ROMANS 8:20-22

CHRIST LEADS THE WAY

- 1 Corinthians 15:20-26 – Death is not natural. It is our enemy that must be defeated.
- “As through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all...” (Romans 5:18).
- Hebrews 2:14-15
- Colossians 1:15-18

