

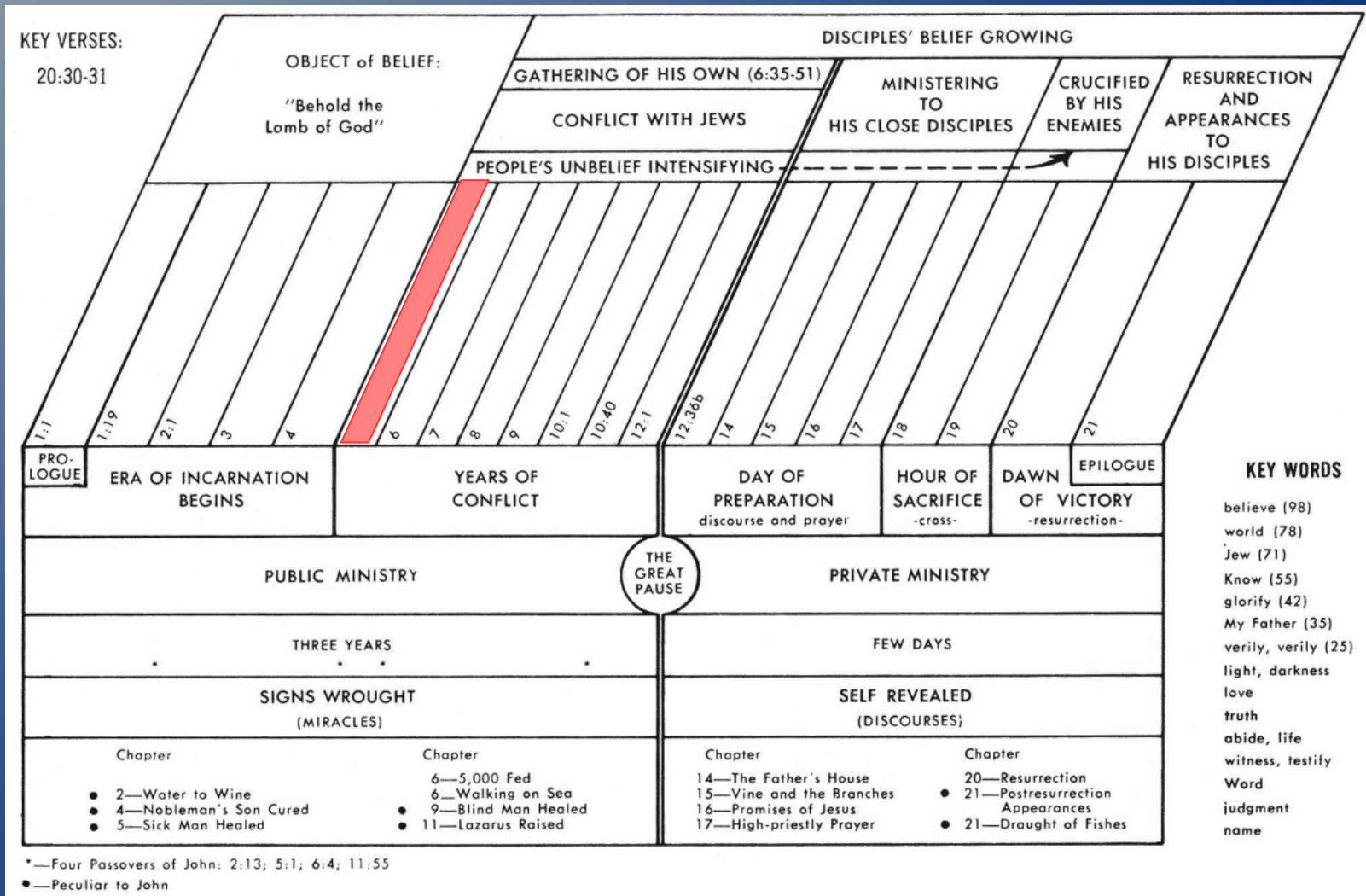
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John 5:18-30

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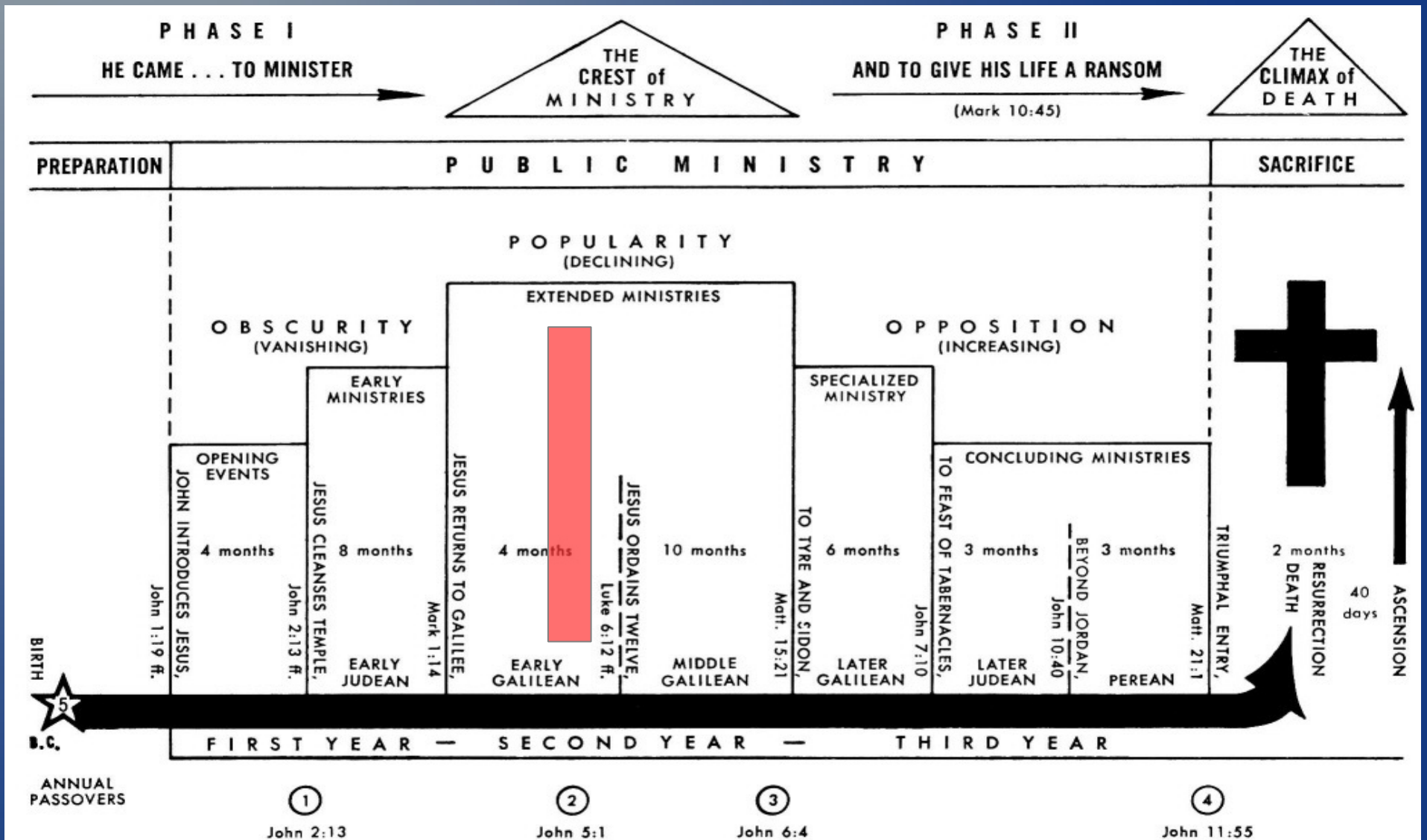
- Therefore - terms of conclusions
- Because – term of explanation
- But – term of contrast
- For – term of explanation
- So that – term of purpose or result
- And – critical conjunction

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1. He is equal with God (vv. 19-20)
2. He is the Giver of Life (vv. 21, 26)
3. He is the Final Judge (vv. 22-23)
4. He will determine the final destination of humanity (v. 24)
5. He will raise the dead (vv. 25-29)
6. He is always doing the will of God (v. 30)

Jesus is equal to God (vv.19-20)

- Therefore – Jesus is giving the conclusion of His relationship to the Father.
- Truly, truly, I say to you - **“I say to you that what I am about to say is absolutely true”**
- ***The Son can*** (present tense – *continually*) ***do*** (*absolutely*) ***nothing of Himself***
- ***The Father loves*** (present tense – *continually*) ***the Son and shows Him all things*** (*without exception*) ***that He Himself is doing.***

Jesus is the giver of life (vv. 21, 26)

- For – Jesus has just described **great works** and now describes the greatest work, creation of life.
- *Just as & even so* again emphasizes the perfect unity between the Father and the Son
- v. 26 How can a person receive life from Jesus?
- Christ can give eternal life because He Himself possesses **life**. He not only has a part in giving life, He is the **Source** of it.

Jesus is the final judge (vv. 22-23)

- **For** – Jesus is explaining that He has been given all authority for judgment.
- **Not** (absolutely not) **even the Father judges** (condemns) **anyone, but** (contrast), **He has given** (past tense) **it to His Son**.
- Notice that although the Father does not judge, He is the One Who has authority but He **has given** it to His Son.
- What is this judgment for?

Jesus will determine the final destiny of humanity (v. 24)

- Truly, truly, I say to you - “**Hey, pay attention, what I am about to say is absolutely true**”
- **Hears** – This is not like “in one ear and out the other.” it speaks of conscious, volitional, intelligent reception.
- English meaning is simply to perceive sound with your ears. **Biblically** it is a much deeper meaning. Meaning it is not enough to listen to the Words of Jesus, but we must truly receive them.

Jesus will raise the dead (vv. 25-29) (2 resurrections)

- *Truly, truly* – this is the third solemn repetition of this statement which is Jesus' way of emphasizing “**pay attention**”
- Notice the infinite, absolutely amazing love of God offering his persecutors a path to spiritual freedom.
- God's truth always demands a response (this is true for believers and non-believers.)

Comparison of the Resurrections In John 5:25 and John 5:28-29

LIFE FROM DEATH SPIRITUAL RESURRECTION John 5:25	LIFE AFTER DEATH PHYSICAL RESURRECTION John 5:28
An hour is now coming	An hour is coming
The Dead	All who are in tombs
Will hear the voice	Will hear His voice
Those who hear will live	And will come forth

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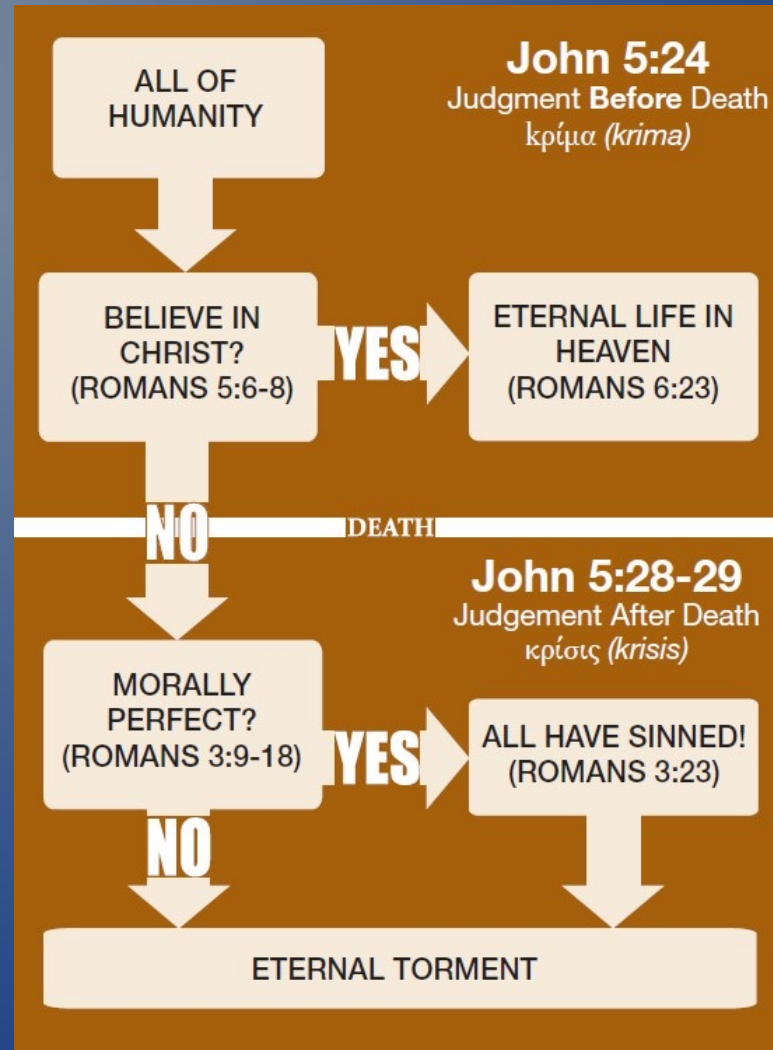
²⁸ *Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice,*

- Who's voice will they hear? v.27 The Son of Man
- Who will hear? ALL – which signifies all mankind, saved or unsaved will hear this call and ALL will obey.
- Sadly the unsaved did not **hear** His call to believe during their life, but now will hear His call and must obey His call to arise from the tomb

Jewish Cemetery in Hanover, Germany



29 “all will come forth...”



Comparison of John 5:24 & Jn 5:28-29
(Source Swindoll's Insights on John)

Jesus is always doing the will of God (v. 30)

³⁰ I can do nothing on My own initiative As I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

Notice: Jesus now has brought it back to the 1st person, “**I can do nothing...**”

The truth is “we can do nothing without Him.”

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What principle can we take from this:

Selflessness is a characteristic of Christianity – *I do not seek my own will but the will of the Father who sent me.*

Are you/we seeking the will of our Father in all of our actions.

Are you/we demonstrating selflessness in everything you/we do.