

John 8:51

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Think about [John 8:51](#).

(Jesus said) Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.

- Why does Jesus say "Truly, truly", before he makes this promise?

An If-Then Statement says: IF this condition happens, THEN this conclusion will happen.

- What If-Then Statement does Jesus make here?
- What do you think - what word of Jesus must we keep in order to never see death?

I think it is helpful to see the message of Jesus in three parts:

(Part 1) Who is Jesus.

(Part 2) What Jesus does. (past – present – future)

(Part 3) What Jesus wants us to do.

- (Part 1) Who is Jesus?
[Matthew 16:15-17](#) *He (Jesus) said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven."*
- (Part 2 – Past) What did Jesus do in the past?
[1Corinthians 15:1-4](#) *Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,*
- (Part 2 – Present) What is Jesus doing now?
[Hebrews 7:22-25](#) *This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. . . . he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.*
- (Part 2 – Future) What will Jesus do in the future?
[1Thessalonians 4:16-17](#) *For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.*
- (Part 3) What does Jesus want us to do?
[1John 3:23](#) *And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.*

- Jesus said, "If anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." What did he mean?

[Deuteronomy 34:5-7](#) *So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab ... but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated.*

[Mark 9:2-5](#) *And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ... And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."*