Most truly I say to you, the hour is coming, and it is now, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who have given heed, will live.

1. Jesus then showed, that the hour was approaching, and it was now, when the dead would hear the voice of the Son Of God, and those who had given heed would live because of it. This had an immediate application through several people when he later resurrected them directly from the dead. But the full import of this verse applied to those who took heed of his words and passed over from the prospect of death resulting from sin, to everlasting life through faith in his words. This was an ongoing process and so he could say, and it is now.

[Question] What hour had then approached, and how did Jesus demonstrate this to be a fact?

[Question] What do these earlier resurrections prove, that Jesus is able to perform for others?

[Question] Why then, could Jesus state, that it was now?

2. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, during the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised up incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (1 Corinthians 15:52)

[Question] When would he resurrect his disciples, and what would happen for some alive then?

3. And when he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice; Lazarus, come on out! (John 11:43)

[Question] What only did Jesus have to say, to effect Lazarus' resurrection?

4 Because the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a commanding call, with an archangel's voice, and with God's trumpet, and those who are dead in union with Christ, will rise first. (1 Thessalonians 4:16)

[Question] What did Paul state about this resurrection, and how, and when it would take place?

[Question] Who will then rise first?

5. And he went on to say to me; Prophesy over these bones,

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and you must say to them; O you dry bones, hear the word of Yehowah. (Ezekiel 37:4)

[Question] How was Ezekiel shown a vision of these dead bones, and what did they represent?

[Question] What was then done, to bring them to life?

6 Because this my son was dead, and came to life again. He was lost, and was found. And they started to enjoy themselves. (Luke 15:24)

[Question] How did the Father feel in the parable of the wayward son, when his son returned to a course leading to life?