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### **TMBS in Lent:**

**Toward a Theology of Death (Feb 22 & 29; Mar 7, 14, & 21)**

10:30 a.m. in the library and online. Led by Ken Kovacs.

Thursday Morning Bible Study resumes for a special series that explores the Bible's understanding of death. The Bible does not speak with one voice on this subject. What we find in Judaism is a gradual unfolding of insights into the nature of death, God's relationship to death (and the dying), and speculations about life after death. Many of these ideas are present in the New Testament but take on new and deeper meanings after the accounts of Jesus' resurrection. Each week we'll study a different passage of scripture, supported by additional articles and reflection pieces to inform our discussions. We plan to look at the following texts:

- February 22: Genesis 3
- February 29: Psalm 23 and Ecclesiastes
- March 7: Ezekiel 37
- March 14: John 11

- March 21: 1 Corinthians 15

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