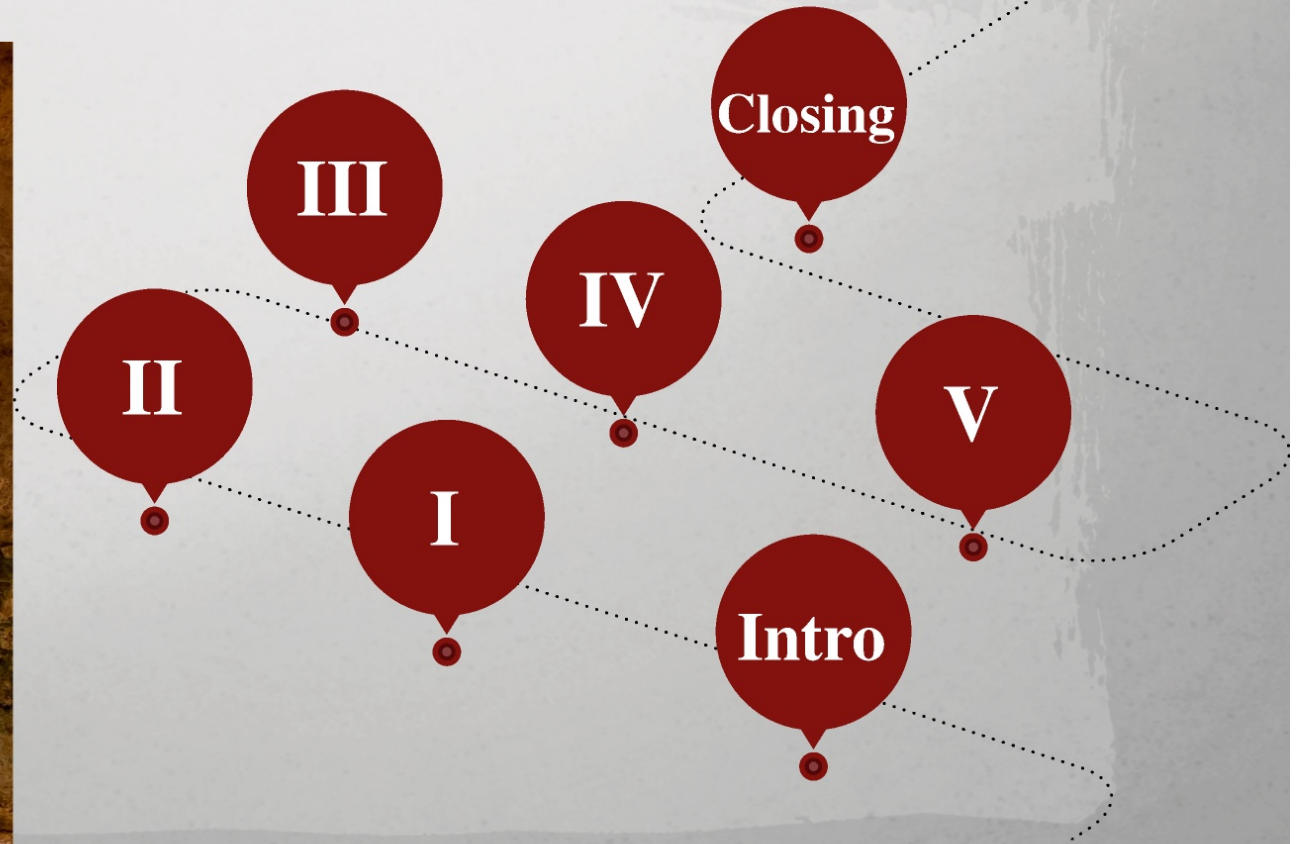


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## Intro

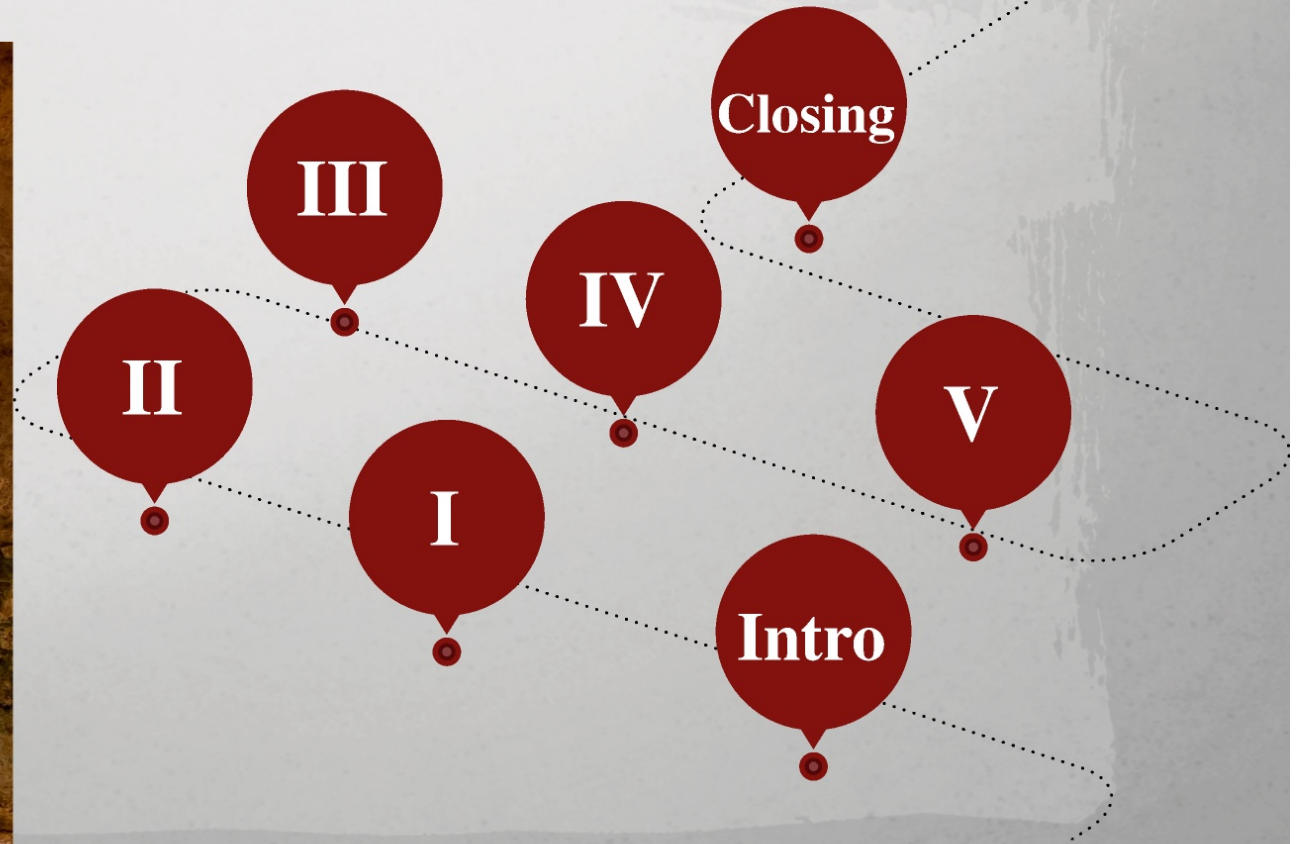
- **The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the basis of our Christian faith.**
- **The resurrection is why the church exists.**
- **Traditionally, on this Sunday, every church in the world celebrates the resurrection.**
- **Christ's resurrection is the turning point of human history.**
- **It is why we have any hope at all.**
- **We will look at it today through the lens of John 20.**





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## **I. The Empty Tomb    John 20:1-10**

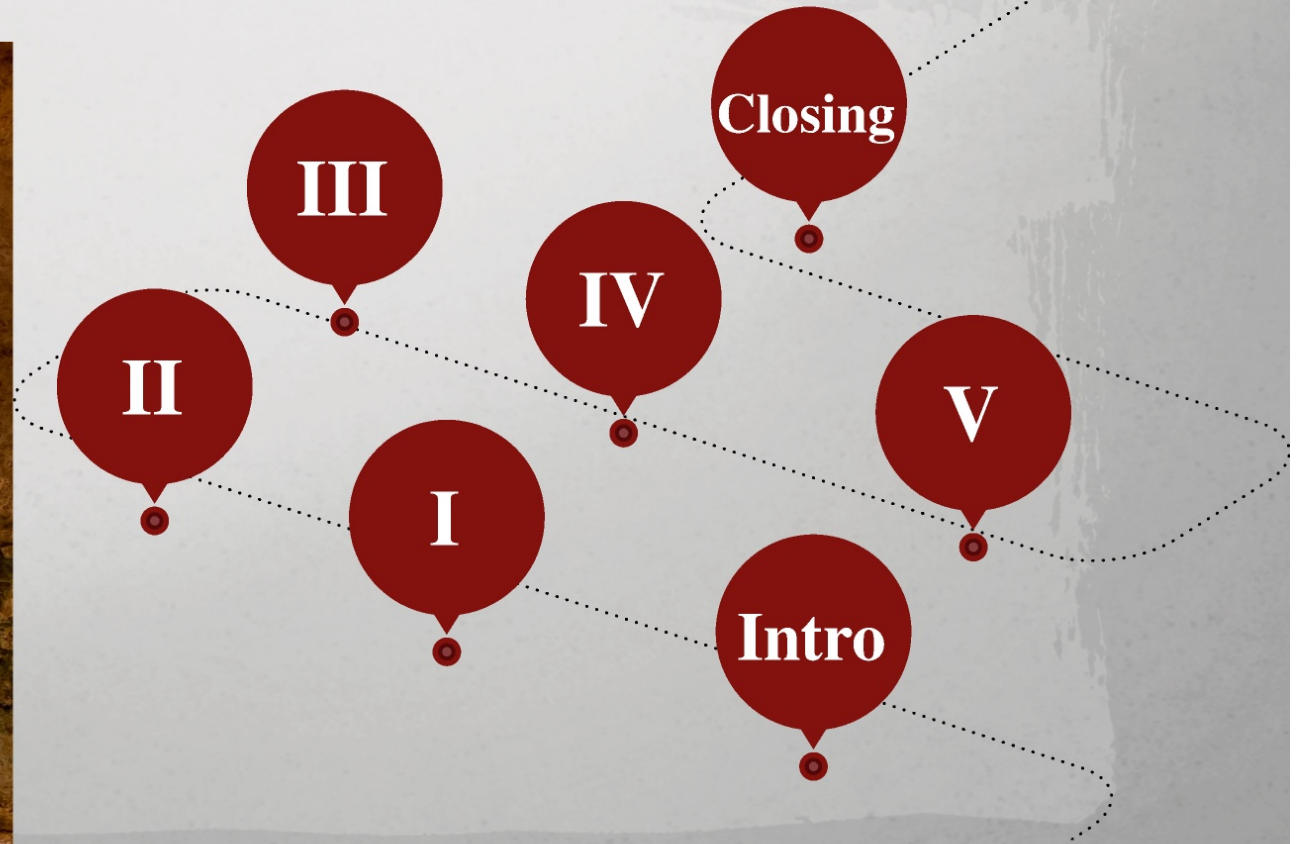
- **20:10    After the sight of the empty tomb, Peter & John simply went home.**
- **They didn't know what else to do.**
- **They saw the tomb was vacant.**
- **In v. 8 John said that he believed.**
- **But believing was not really enough.**
- **An empty tomb alone could not substitute for their experience of the living Christ.**





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- **Many times our weak faith causes us to get upset at the very thing that ought to give us the most hope.**
- **And yet a missing body could not substitute for Mary's experience of knowing the living Jesus.**



**Mary and  
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# Mary and the Angels

20:12-13 Mary had a personal encounter with not one, but two angels.

Still, she kept right on weeping.

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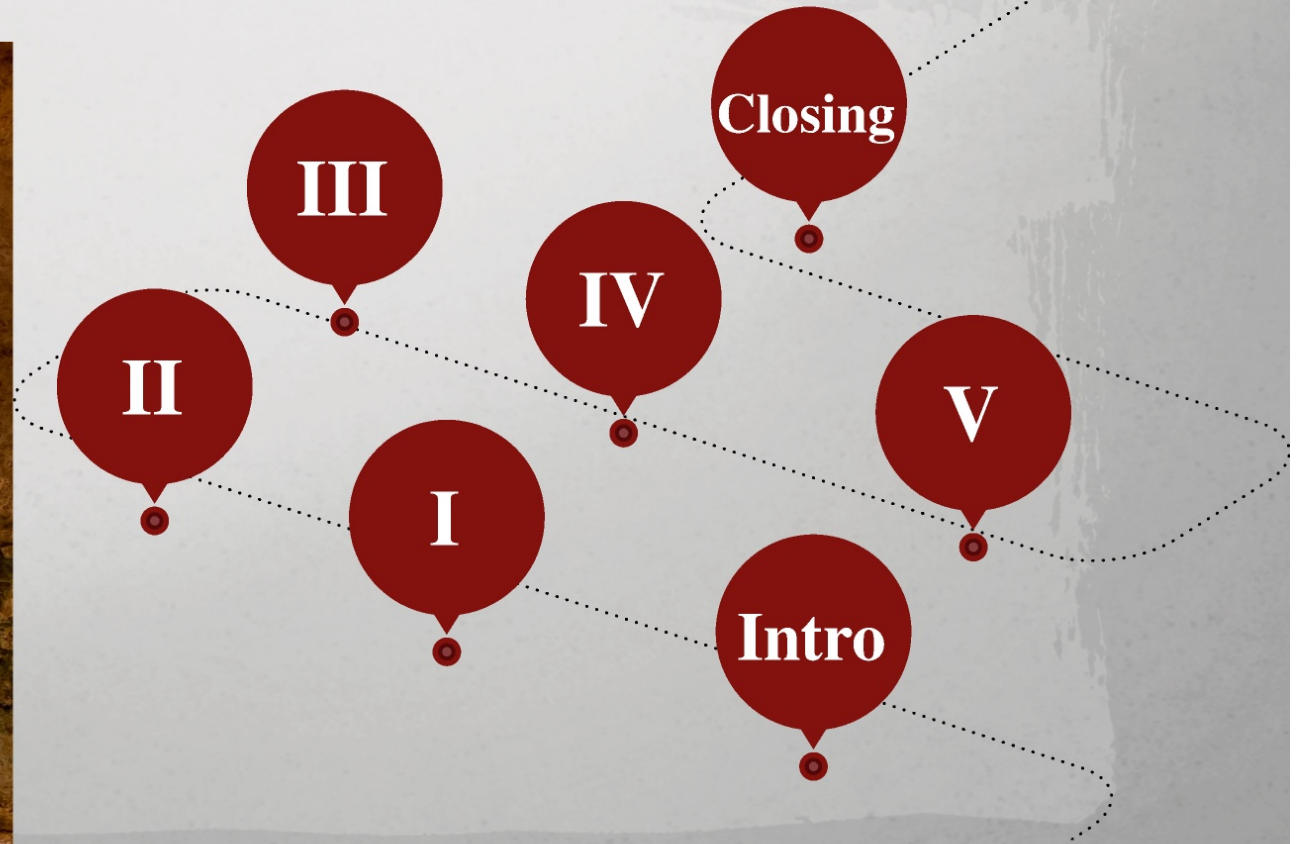
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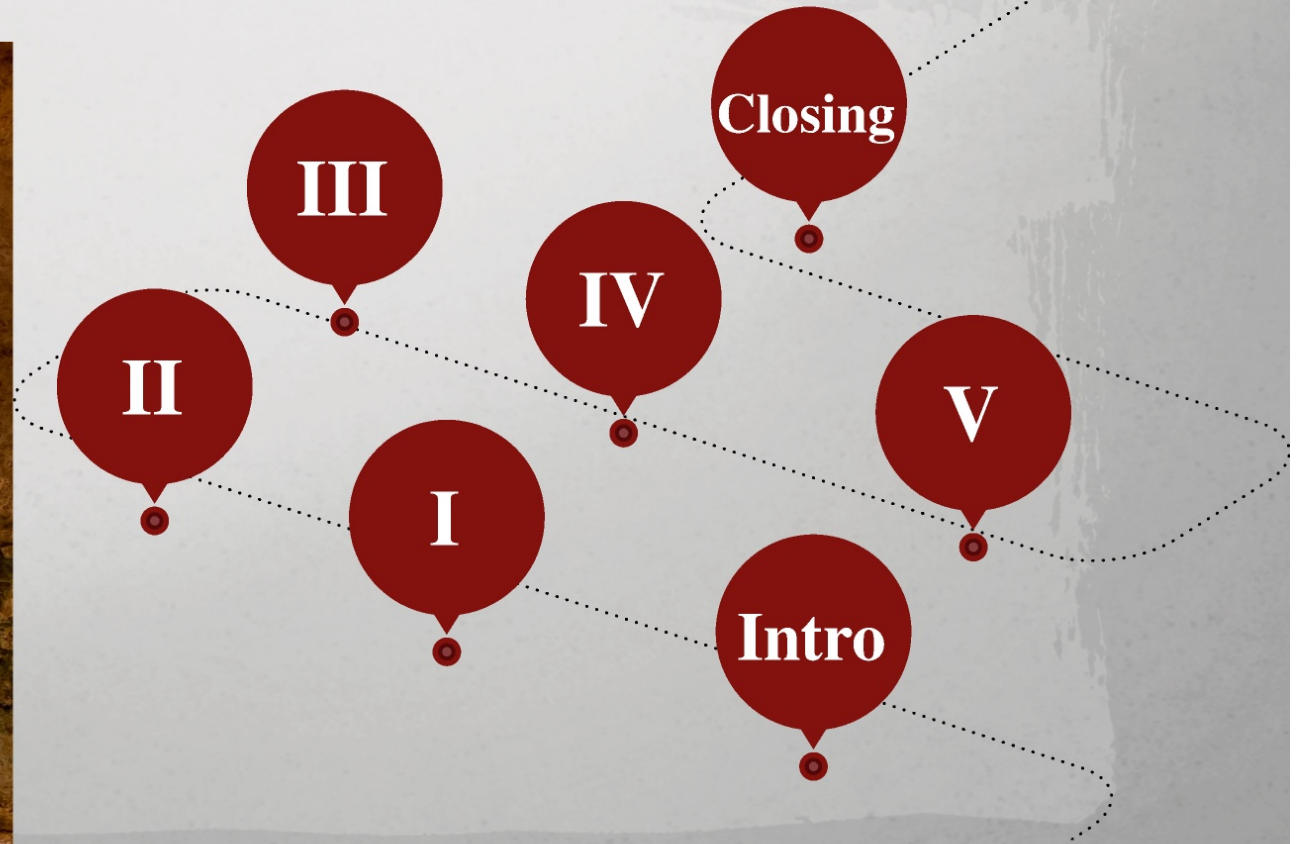
- **20:19-20** At first the disciples had the doors shut for fear of the Jews.
- But they were glad when they saw the Lord.
- Like Mary, they knew Jesus before his crucifixion.
- Now they had the personal experience they needed to know that Jesus was alive again.





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# Jesus and Thomas

20:26-28 Jesus appeared to Thomas.

Jesus gave Thomas that personal experience he needed.

20:29 John 20:29 (ESV)

*Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*



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# Christ's Appearances

After rising from the dead, the Lord appeared personally to only a select few of His followers and that was only for a limited time.

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- In a 24-hour day there are 1440 minutes.
- If Christ gave each person ten minutes of His time, He could meet with 144 people in 24 hours.
- At 10 minutes per person, going non-stop 24/7 for one year, He could meet with 52,560 people.
- It would take Him 20 years to appear to everyone in Indianapolis.
- Meeting with 10 people at a time, it would take him just as long to meet with everyone in a larger city like New York.
- And at the same rate, hundreds of years to meet with everyone in the USA alone.



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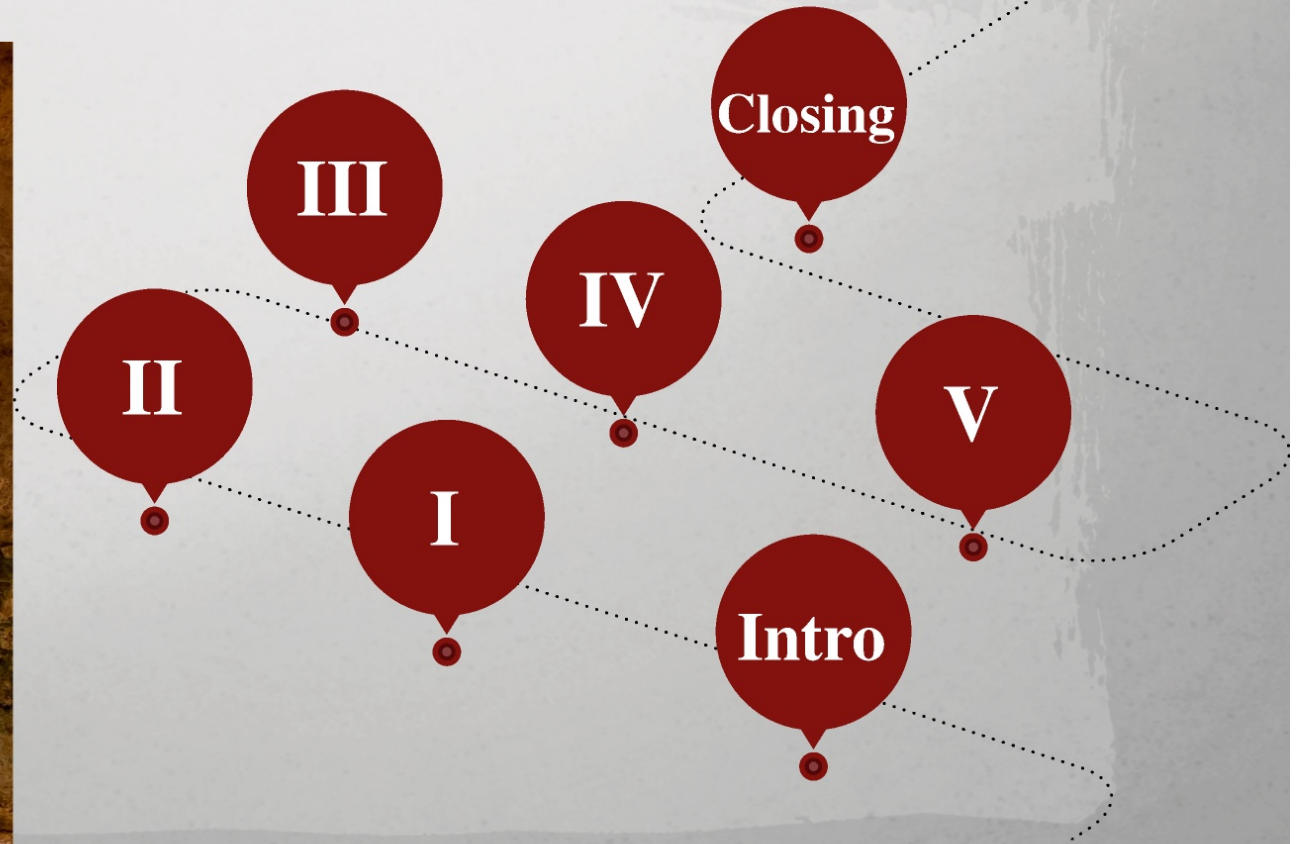
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- Each of us has sinned - and in so doing rebelled against God.
- God has provided the means to make us right with him through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
- Our sin is personal.
- Therefore our receiving of forgiveness has to be personal too.
  
- It is not so much a question of believing the right thing, as if that were an accident.
- It is getting right with the one true God who made us and redeemed us.

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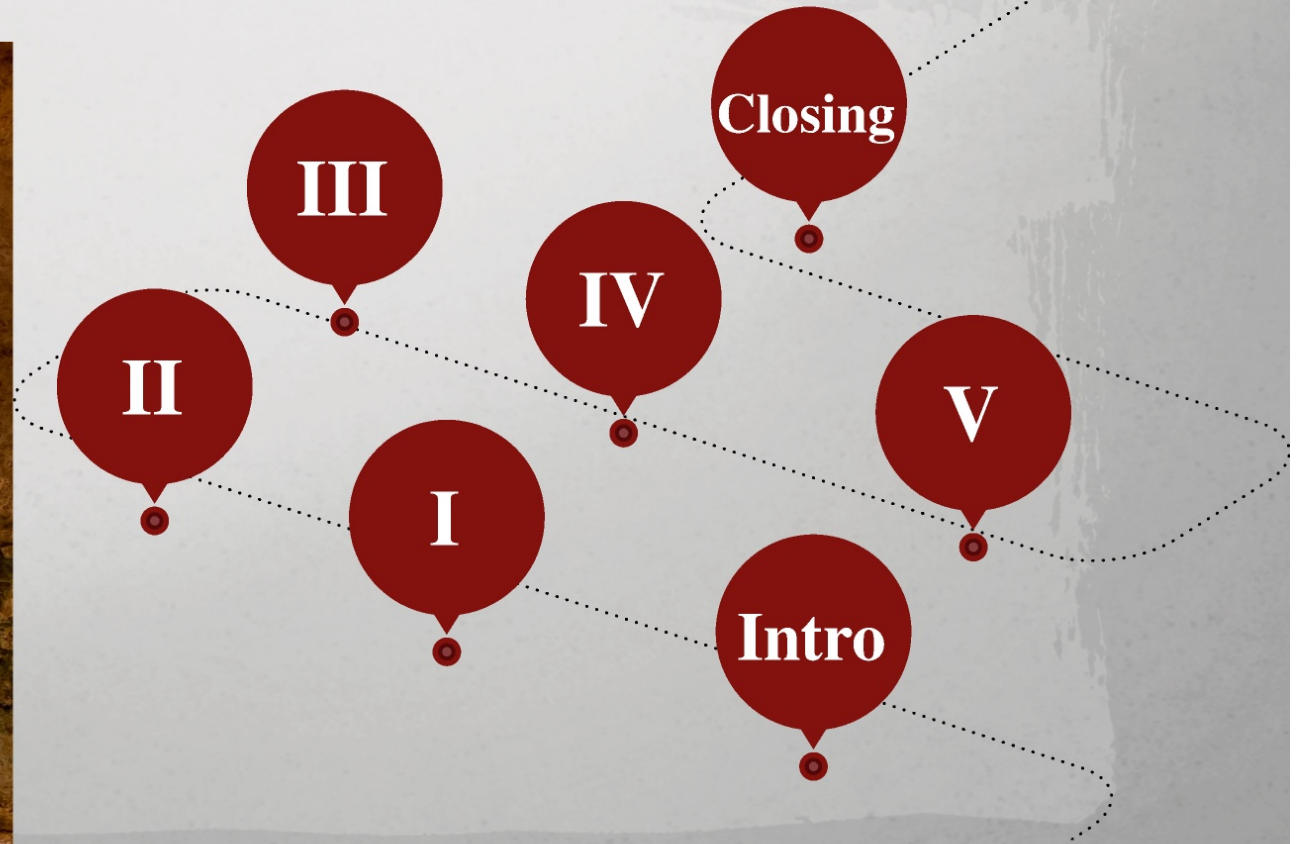


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Dear Lord Jesus.

I know that I am a sinner and I am sorry for my sin. I turn away from my sins right now. Please forgive me.

Thank You for paying the price for my sin by dying on the cross. Please come into my heart and life right now.

Please be my Lord, my Redeemer and my Savior. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and help me to be Your disciple.

Thank You for hearing my prayer and forgiving me. Thank You for making me a child of God. Thank You for letting me go to heaven, and giving me eternal life. Help me to live a life that brings glory to you from now on.

Amen



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