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It makes a big noise but not a noise adapted to our ears. Whether it is that kind of a noise that is only heard by those to whom it is addressed, or whether it is a noise that can be heard by everybody, I don't think this particular verse would prove, one way or the other. I think that is a thing which we would have to say that, as far as this verse is concerned, it is clear that the command is heard by the dead in Christ, or at least that there is action as the result of it, but that as to who does hear this, I don't think the verse states. I think we'd have to hold that in abeyance for other evidence from other--Mr. Heaney? (Student) Well, I don't know whether it would necessarily have to go that far but that certainly would be a possible interpretation of the passage, that when Christ comes these people thought, those who are living here will be His associates in His great victory and of that His establishment/which He does then, but those who are dead, they lose out on it; they don't have the joy of seeing Him come and participate in it, and as to just when they would then be raised, they certainly believed that they would be raised some time but as to just when the passage doesn't tell us, but Paul says, "No, this man that you are not burying does not lose out something that you have in the relation to the victory of Christ, because when Christ actually comes to this earth He will be with Him as well as you. He will bring them with Him at His coming as well as those who are living and," he says, "before He reaches this earth there will be a great event in which the dead in Christ will be raised from the dead prior to the actual coming of Christ to this earth!" But that's getting on to the next verse, but in this verse certainly they will be raised before any great event will happen in the lives of those who are living. That is clear in this verse. Mr. Horner? (Student) It seems to me we must be very careful (student) yes, not to draw conclusions from a passage, but I think to make hypotheses from a passage is very excellent. I would say that in this passage there, at first sight you might say, the most apparent obvious interpretation of this verse would be; there is going