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means like they sorrow when they bury their dead. It's the living who don't have the hope but it is the dead for whom they don't have any hope, in this particular context, of course, even if they don't have any hope for anything. Well then, in v. 17, we find that there is something that-- a striking event mentioned here as happening after the resurrection of the believer and there is, it would seem, a time relationship with the first expressed, but the time may be a very, very brief time. It may be like the twinkling of an eye, but yet there is a thought of progression. There is a resurrection from the dead and that resurrection from the dead is followed by a great eventⁱⁿ which not only do the dead participate, but also the living. There are both types of believers then. Now does that "then" mean immediately or might that come five years after the rapture? Might the dead in Christ be raised and the living ones be raised and then a day or a week or a month or ten years pass before they are caught up into the heaven. What is the Greek word "then"? (Student) It seems to indicate progression but it wouldn't seem to indicate immediate would it? Would you think it indicated immediate, you wouldn't? (Student) You would think that it would indicate immediate. You wouldn't? You wouldn't think that this teaches then that the dead in Christ are raised and here are the dead in Christ raised; here are the believers and then other events take place before the next thing here happens. You might say, "The United States is going to defeat the armies of Germany and then they are going to defeat the armies of Japan. Now there is a space between the two events. You might say that Truman will be a major in the army and then he will be president, and there might be thirty years between. Mr.---? (Student) It's not my impression that it teaches that the dead there is any one phrase which says the dead in Christ come out of the grave and go right up into the air but it seems to me that it says first that they are raised from the dead. Isn't that-- v. 16, the dead in Christ are raised from the dead first and then it says sometime after that, whether a second after, or a minute or ten years after,