

That They Might Have Life

John 10:10 (KJV) The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:10 (NLT) The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give life in all its fullness.

Steal (present life), Kill (eternal life), Destroy ("vandalize" legacy)

Jesus restored life to three people during His earthly ministry:

1. The daughter of Jairus, a girl twelve years old, an only daughter, newly dead, in her home (Luke 8:53-55)
JUST DEAD
2. The son of the widow of Nain, a young man, an only son, on the way to his burial, in the street (Luke 7:11-15)
ON THE WAY TO THE CEMETERY
3. Lazarus, age not known, an only brother, four days in the grave, in the cemetery (John 11:38-44)
BEYOND HOPE

Jesus never called death "death"!

Only one person was able to give life
Only one way for the dead to receive life – hearing His voice (John 5:25)

Girl – give her meat (FOOD)
Young man – delivered to his mother (FELLOWSHIP)
Lazarus – loose him and let him go (FREEDOM)