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Title: Agony of Defeat

Theme: Our favorite sports team may disappoint us, but Jesus never will.

Object: Pictures of Patriots fans; hats, T-shirts; sweatshirts pajamas with Patriots logo.

Text: John 14:2-3 (NKJV) 2 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

This is a wonderful promise that Jesus made to His disciples the night before He was crucified.

After Jesus was crucified and buried, He rose back to life and went up to heaven to be with God the Father.

In these verses, He promises to prepare a place for us to live there.

And He says that He’s coming back for His disciples so that we can be with Him forever.

If you’re one of His disciples, He’s coming for you.

And you can live forever in His glorious kingdom where there is no more sin or evil or pain or tears or sorrow or death. Does that sound good to you?

Have you noticed that there has been a lot of tears and sorrow and disappointment this last week?

Did you hear about the football game played last Sunday called the Super Bowl?

It was a championship game between the Philadelphia Eagles and the New England Patriots.

How many were rooting for the Patriots? (Me too.)

If you root for the Patriots, you are a Patriot fan.

A football fan is a fanatical supporter of his team. He roots for his team no matter what.

Often times fans will dress up in Patriots gear to show their support for their team.

Check out these pictures of some Patriot fans. [Show pics.]

I brought a few things of my own that prove I’m a Patriot’s fan too. [Show hat, shirt, and pajamas.]

Millions of Patriots fans were disappointed when the Eagles beat the Patriots 41 to 33 in the Super Bowl.

Last year we won the super bowl and had the thrill of victory; this year we lost and had the agony of defeat.

The thrill of victory or the agony of defeat.

When our team wins, everybody is happy; when we lose, everybody is sad.

And now, all the Patriots fans in New England are sad.

But we still have a good team, and we’re all hoping Tom Brady will lead us to another Super Bowl victory next year.

You know, it’s not really very important in the end whether we win or lose the Super Bowl.

What is much more important is whether or not we win in the long war between Jesus and Satan.

In this battle between Jesus and Satan, who do you think is going to win, Jesus or Satan?

Yea! Jesus is going to win. And we can be sure of that because the Bible says so.

You know what? We get to choose whose side we’re going to be on in this great battle.

You can be a fan of Jesus or you can be a fan of Satan.

If you are a fan of Jesus, you get the thrill of victory when Jesus comes back and takes us to our heavenly home where we’ll live forever with Him and all our Christian friends.

But if you’re a fan of Satan, you’ll get the agony of defeat when Jesus comes back.

How many want to be a fan of Jesus and get the thrill of victory when Jesus comes back?