

**SERMON TOPIC: DEAD OR ALIVE**

**SERMON OUTLINE**

Today I want to talk about your dreams:  
We all of us were younger we had dreams.  
These are things to achieve and to build.  
This thing called LIFE is hard.  
And sometimes it is just better to live a life that is UNFULFILLED.  
An unhappier life, but it's still better than to wish, and then your dreams being dashed.

**KEY POINTS**

Some have dreams that have recently died. Some others, believe that their dreams are not only dead but they are prepared for burial and on the way to the cemetery. Then there are those who say, "My dream is so dead that it's already been buried and is decayed and stinking."

On September 29, 2000, a 46-year-old Romanian man from the small village of Braila was placed in his coffin. At the funeral home, grieving family and friends filed past the open casket to pay their last respects. However, before he could be buried, **Ionel Olteanu** sprang to life and walked back home. Neighbours were shocked to see Olteanu strolling the streets of the village. Doctors who had certified Olteanu as dead aren't sure what really happened. They speculate that he might have fallen into a temporary diabetic coma.

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**Scriptures:**

Mark 16 v 1 – 7  
Matthew 26 v 75  
2 Kings 13 v 21  
Romans 11:29

**SUMMARY:**

True desire in your heart for anything good, is God's proof to you sent beforehand that it is already yours.

Make sure God is at every meeting.  
God is in the front row.  
It's resurrection time."

