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Mark 16:4-8

Sam awakens and is surprised to see that Gandalf is still alive. This is what he says: *Gandalf! I thought you were dead! But then I thought I was dead myself. Is everything sad going to come untrue?*

*C.S. Lewis referring to suffering in his book "The Great Divorce" states "No future bliss can make up for it," not knowing that Heaven, once attained, will work backwards and turn even that agony into a glory."*

How far will the curse be reversed by Christ's Resurrection Power?

The one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" —Revelation 21:5

...for those who grieve in Zion-- to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. Isaiah 61:3

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;  
—Psalm 30:11-12

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