

## Saved by the Bell

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When the bell rings and a boring lecture comes to an abrupt end,  
This phrase is used and everyone makes a happy yell.  
But in the 18<sup>th</sup> century it was considered a grace, only God can send,  
Lives of many were saved with that very graveyard bell.

Urban myth has it, that when coffins were dug up,  
The covers had scratch marks on them, which was a mystery.  
Some said these people were buried alive and wished to come up,  
But the sealed box killed them and ended their story.

A brilliant solution was found, and a bell string was tied,  
To the hands of the dead person and a guard was set.  
So that if anyone was alive, they would at least have survived,  
And that is an awesome end to the urban myth, with nothing to regret.

That's why even till this day, when a bell is heard,  
One believes that there is something that they  
Have been saved from, may be even from a cattle herd,  
Urban myths save lives at times, that's what they say!