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- Ἐπεὶ - conj. marking cause/reason with the sense of "otherwise."
- τί - interrog. pronoun functioning substv. [W345-46].
- ποιήσουσιν - main verb [fut-act-ind-3-p-ποιέω].
- οἱ βαπτιζόμενοι - nom. subj. [pres-pass-ptc-masc-pl-nom-βαπτίζω]. Art-adj-substv-ptc [W619-21].
- ὑπὲρ τῶν νεκρῶν; - prep. phrase. See BDAG 1.c. Expresses benefit, interest, cause, or reason. Functions adv. more so than adj.

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- εἰ - cond. conj. marking a first class condition [W690-94].
- ὅλως - adv. of ὅλος marking the "highest degree on a scale of extent" (BDAG 1.).
- νεκροὶ - nom. subj. of the cond. sub. clause. Monadic absence of the art. [W248-49].
- οὐκ - neg. adv.
- ἐγείρονται, - verb of cond. sub. clause [pres-pass-ind-3-p-εγείρω].

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- τί - interrog. pronoun functioning adverbially ("why?") [W345-46].
- καὶ - conj. that could mark the apodosis ("then") or express emphasis ("indeed").
- βαπτίζονται – subj. and main verb [pres-pass-ind-3-pl-βαπτίζω].
- ὑπὲρ αὐτῶν; - prep. phrase. Expresses cause or reason according to BDAG (1.c.). Functions adv. more so than adj.

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