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## **HE IS RISEN**

- 1 Corinthians 15:14-17 (KJV)
- <sup>14</sup> And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.
- <sup>15</sup> Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.
- <sup>16</sup> For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:
- <sup>17</sup> And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the bedrock of the Christian faith. That is why it has been the target of the most vicious attacks by those who oppose the Christian faith. If the physical resurrection of Jesus can be disproven, then the entire Christian belief system comes crashing down.

But, if the resurrection is true, and Jesus Christ is alive today, then at the end of the day, nothing else really matters and He and His causes are worthy of our *absolute* devotion and faith.

Beginning back in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, it was theorized that the Gospels were written not by contemporary eyewitnesses but by later followers of Jesus who embellished His life with all kinds of mythical stories of miracles and a resurrection.

The Jesus Christ of history and the Jesus Christ of our faith are ONE IN THE SAME! The Word of God contains reliable eyewitness accounts of Jesus, His life and His resurrection.

A Harvard law professor, Dr. Simon Greenleaf (1783-1853) was the Royal Professor of Law at Harvard University and one of the principal founders of Harvard Law School.

He authored the famous three volume work, "A Treatise on the Law of Evidence," which is still considered one of the greatest single authorities on judicial legal procedure.

Greenleaf, a non-believer originally set out to disprove the biblical testimony concerning the resurrection of Jesus Christ, believing that a careful examination of the internal witness of the Gospels would reveal the myth at the heart of Christianity.

But after months of carefully examining and cross-examining the testimonies of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, this legal scholar came to the conclusion that the witnesses were reliable and that the Resurrection did, in fact, happen.

As a result, he became a believer and wrote a book entitled: "An Examination of the Testimony of the Four Evangelists by the Rules of Evidence Administered in the Courts of Justice." Greenleaf concluded that according to the jurisdiction of legal evidence, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the best-supported event in all of ancient history.

#### Acts 1:8-11 (KJV)

- <sup>8</sup> But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.
- <sup>9</sup> And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.
- <sup>10</sup> And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;
- <sup>11</sup> Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?

this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

HE IS RISEN, HE IS ALIVE AND HE IS COMING BACK ARE YOU READY?

KATHY AND I DECREE YOU BLESSED IN JESUS NAME!

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