

HELLO AND WELCOME

Welcome to our assembly! If you are a visitor, we encourage you to fill out a visitors card located on the back of the pew in front of you, and place it in the collection plate when it is passed.

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study	10:00 am
Morning Worship	10:45 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study	7:00 pm
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BELIEF IN THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST - PART 2

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Last week, we looked at the importance of the historical testimony of outside sources. For an example, we talked about the record that Josephus, a Jewish, Roman commissioned historian, gave and the significance of that testimony. It is unfounded and illogical to come to any conclusion that a

man named Jesus of Nazareth never existed. Not only this, but it would also be illogical and unfounded to decide that this man named Jesus of Nazareth was not a significant character in Jewish history.

This information, of course, is not enough to prove the resurrection of Christ. For that information, we need to look at the testimony and the strength of that testimony by those that were believers of the

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

PRAYER LIST

HEALTH

Sarah Adams
Dawn Copes
Don Craig
Bill Cyrus
Dottie Daniels
Darrel Eastham
Ann Egan
Tom & LaVonne Haines
Keith Hodges
Beulah Keppler
Bob Meiers
Gaylin Miller
Liz Miller
Mike Miller
Janice Ortman
Hallie & Don Phillips
Fay Runyon
Mark Young
Shirley Young
Geco "Hannah's Aunt"

ENCOURAGEMENT AND TRAVELING

Bill Copes
Don Craig
Bob Whitaker
Matt Wood

ORDER OF SERVICE

MORNING

Song Leader	Doug Cyrus
Opening Prayer	Bob Whitaker
Lord's Table	David Craig
Assist	Bob Calvert
Assist	Jerry Witt
Assist	Arnold Miller
Lesson	Shawn Daniels
Closing Prayer	Eric Whitaker

EVENING

Song Leader	Bob Whitaker
Opening Prayer	David Craig
Lesson	Men's Night
Closing Prayer	Doug Cyrus

TODAY'S SERMON

"How Can We Fight Against Satan"

(1 Peter 5:8) "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour."

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

(Rom 3:23) "Whom God hat set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God."

resurrection.

We have been blessed by God's will to have such a testimony written to us in four different inspired accounts. The books of the Bible that we normally call the Gospels are in actuality a collection of testimony for the life of Jesus the Christ. These four gospel accounts serve different perspectives and different purposes, but they all culminate to one climatic event, the resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

How reliable is this testimony? We sometimes tend to think of the writings of the Gospel as being some ancient text in which the only proof is in blind faith, as if they are some archaic text from some bygone age. We forget that when the Gospel was written and recited that the things in which they proclaimed could be closely investigated, and the writers of the New Testament knew this. For example, Paul told the Corinthians that he delivered unto them the Gospel of Christ, which included the testimony of the Old Testament prophecies, and also the testimony of those still alive in that day. He points out Cephas (Peter), the other apostles, James, and over five hundred other brethren, who he is also sure to point out that the majority of these brethren are still alive. (1 Corinthians 15:4-8)

This viewpoint of the Scriptures shows the true value and power of the testimonies that are found in them. Let us put an example in our own time. Let us imagine a group of people were trying to persuade us of a spectacular event that happened in the 60's or 70's. If that group was giving some remarkable, controversial account of a person that there was no record ever existed or of some event, with the proper names of people involved, that never happened, how quickly would that account be proven wrong today? The world would

just see the account as an obvious hoax. This is the situation the disciples were in 2000 years ago! This group of disciples was teaching of an event that just happened in their own life time. It involved the proper names of popular government officials. It was about a man that records have shown to have been convicted and put to death on the cross. If it would have been a hoax, it would have no doubt been shown to be a hoax. But instead of being proven wrong, the disciples of Christ "turned the world upside down" with their doctrine. (Acts 17:6) And, they did this in a world that, like today, love philosophies and wisdom!

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The critical thinkers of modern times do not see this. Instead, they see themselves as being too smart to fall for this hoax, and out of a self-righteous attitude, think that they are greater thinkers than the ancient Greeks, which pride themselves because of their extensive wisdom and philosophies.

Next week, we will look at some of the specific examples that are found in the Bible that are not easily explained away, and especially in view of what we discussed in this article the testimonies become even stronger. Surely, the more that we study the events of the resurrection the more we see the proofs of the witness. Our faith becomes stronger from it.

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Sermon Notes

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