Lesson Sixteen

THE FACT OF THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

1. THE OLD TESTAMENT FORETOLD IT.
2. IN PROPHECY: Psalm 16:9-10 with Acts 2:24-31. Isaiah 53:12; Psalm 22:22 with John 20:17.
3. IN TYPE: Isaac, Gen. 22:2-13; Heb. 11:17-19. Jonah 1:17- 2:7, 2:10, with Matt. 12:40.
4. CHRIST HIMSELF PREDICTED IT.

John 10:17-18 “I have power to take it again.”

John 2:19-22 “in three days I will raise it up.”

Matt. 16:21; 17:22-23; 20:18-19 “He shall be raised again.”

1. THE NEW TESTAMENT RECORDS IT.
2. IT IS RECORDED AS AN HISTORICAL FACT.

Acts 1:3; 2:32; 10:39-41; I Cor. 15:3-8.

1. IT IS THE BASIS OF DOCTRINE.

Rom. 1:4; 4:25; 6:4; 8:11; Col. 3:1; II Cor. 4:14.

The whole structure of Christian teaching rests upon the fact that Christ arose.

I Cor. 15:14 “if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.”

1. THE EMPTY TOMB DEMANDS IT.
2. THE TOMB WAS EMPTY. Luke 24:1-3; John 20:1-9. What became of the body?
3. HIS ENEMIES DID NOT TAKE IT. They would have produced it to disprove the story of the resurrection.
4. HIS FRIENDS DID NOT STEAL IT. They would not later have suffered for what they knew to be false.
5. There is, then, but one satisfactory explanation of the empty tomb: CHRIST AROSE!

NOTE: The fact that the tomb was empty proves that the resurrection of Christ was a physical resurrection. The body that was crucified rose from the dead. Acts 2:31, His flesh did not see corruption.

1. THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE DISCIPLES PROVES IT.
2. Cowards became bold. Mark 14:66-72; Acts 2:14, 23, 32.
3. Doubters were convinced. John 20:24-29.
4. Discouragement changed to assurance. Luke 24:17, 21, 31-35.
5. Rejectors were converted. Acts 26:8-23
6. THE EXPERIENCE OF BELIEVERS CONFIRMS IT.
7. We know Christ lives because He lives in us. Gal. 2:20.
8. We have received His resurrection life. Rom.6:11.
9. We commune with the LIVING Christ. Col. 3:1; I John 1:3.
10. BELIEF IN CHRIST’S RESURRECTION IS A PART OF SAVING FAITH.

Rom.10:9-10; I Cor. 15:1-4 “the gospel … He rose again.”

Rom. 4:24 “imputed, if we believe on Him … raised up.’