

# "I AM the RESURRECTION"

Jn. 11:1-44

## I. "INTIMATIONS OF IMMORTALITY"

- A. Martha's "I know he shall rise again" aligns her with Pharisees
- B. What God creates endures—light, energy, DNA
- C. Don Richardson: *Eternity in Their Hearts*.
- D. Ubiquitous human hunger—C.S. Lewis re hungers & realities
  - 1. Antiquity—Egypt, Greece, Rome
  - 2. Mound builders in Ohio River valley

## II. *IMAGO DEI* IMPLICATIONS

- A. Creation—God breathed and man became a living soul, designed for eternity
- B. Person—"an individual substance of a rational nature" (Boethius)
  - 1. Consciousness unique to human beings
  - 2. Reason, especially using language and developing abstract ideas
  - 3. Free will—"choose ye this day"—cannot be programmed
  - 4. Conscience—"written on their hearts"—moral knowledge

## III. JESUS SAID: "I AM the RESURRECTION"

- A. Unique declaration/revelation
- B. Craig Blomberg's *The Historical Reliability of John's Gospel*
- C. *The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus*, by Gary Habermas & Michael Licona stress undeniable data
  - 1. Jesus died on the cross
  - 2. Jesus' disciples believed He arose from the grave
  - 3. Paul's conversion & ministry
  - 4. James' conversion & leadership of Jerusalem community
  - 5. Empty Tomb

## IV. *THE SHROUD OF JESUS: AND THE SIGN JOHN INGENIOUSLY CONCEALED,*

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- A. NT (especially John) references to Jewish burial customs
- B. Shroud's probable itinerary: Jerusalem; Antioch; Edessa; Constantinople; France; Turin
- C. Many Medieval portraits resemble the shroud
- D. Modern developments: Italian photographer & film negative; recent technologies
- E. Evidences
  - a. Fabric: linen identical to that made in first century
  - b. Pollen: same as found in eastern Mediterranean in first century
  - c. Blood: demonstrably not paint & typical of man dying under duress
  - d. Bruises
    - 1. Scourging, in accord with Roman flagrum, on back & thighs
    - 2. Nails in feet & wrists
    - 3. Spear wound in side
    - 4. Thorns on head, copious blood
    - 5. Face disfigured, due to blow
    - 6. Shoulder bruised, due to carrying cross
  - e. Clearly a crucified man
  - f. Hints of upright posture
  - g. Remnants of explosive, high-energy event

## V. CHURCH DOGMA: RESURRECTION OF THE FLESH

- A. Jesus to thief: "this day you will be with me in paradise" basis for soul's immediate transition
- B. Before final judgment "resurrection of the flesh"