

"Jesus Lives and is Superior to Man."
Matthew 28:18-20; John 20:30-31; 21:25.

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- 2-That Jesus is a fictitious character or product of the Christian religion which they claim Paul founded.
- 3-That a man really lived and that he called himself Christ and was so known but that his power was not superior to that of the ordinary man.
- 4-That Jesus lived and really was a good man but that was all.

2-There are two ways of handling a matter in question:

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- 2-Resorting to bluff.....which may succeed temporarily, but it adds nothing to a cause and it lacks integrity.
- 3-An example of bluff:
 - 1-When a man intimates to me that Jesus did not live, I tell him to prove that Jesus did not live. This is bluff pure and simple.
- 4-A concrete illustration:
 - 1-A friend is trying to sell me life insurance.
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 - 3-He does not say to me, "Prove that my company is unsound." Instead, he presents evidence to prove the soundness of his company. He presents facts concerning his company.

3-Facts, may remain undiscovered, and they may be covered up; but facts can be neither annihilated nor broken to pieces. Facts are as eternal and fixed as the stars.

Moreover, facts are stubborn things.....

- 1-They never have the politeness to bow themselves out when they are in the way.
- 2-And a fact is an awful thing when it plants itself squarely in the path of a pet theory.
- 3-One can argue with a theory and enjoy it; but he cannot argue with a fact. He can argue with a theory of light, but he cannot argue with a ray of light-it is a fact which he must admit

4-The facts that I shall present to prove that Jesus lived are, of course, in history.

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"Jesus Lived."

5-In our study of the great fact that Jesus lived and was in every way superior to man we have discarded the Bible as a text book.

1-We have just tossed it aside because those who question reject the Bible.

6-We shall ignore the church-fathers many statements concerning Jesus.

1-Josephus, born in Jerusalem a few years after the ascension of Christ, and contemporary with some of the Apostles wrote of Christ. To please the atheists, infidels, and radicals we cast aside the evidence of Josephus.

7-A group of facts:

A-Much could be said about Sunday.

1-I shall not discuss it except to say that a supposition of Sunday as it is, had Jesus not lived, would be absolutely without foundation.

B-Jesus stand before all the people in every community in church buildings.

1-The public see Jesus in hospitals, and he is even seen, and speaks out of, the cold marble of the cemetery.

2-The hotels are not all owned or kept by Christians.

1-A copy of the Bible is usually found in room

2-Bulliten boards announce to the publice the service of the church.

3-The daily press is not owned or controlled entirely by Christians---yet the announcements of church services are there.

4-And finally;

"It is commonly known that the average wicked man, when overtaken by dire calamity, cease profaning the name of Jesus and mutters it in prayer.

8-We look at modern literature:

1-If all the books in which Jesus is mentioned or figures and all the books that lean upon him in any way were destroyed the great libraries of the world would be wrecked.

9-In closing, I wish to speak to about Christmas.

1-Christmas morning comes. Industry has closed. Christmas as it is-A world fact which we may criticize, but can neither discontinue nor change proclaims the Authority of Jesus on earth....

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