

ONE JESUS, WHICH WAS DEAD...AFFIRMED TO BE ALIVE.
ACTS 25:19; Acts 26:8

1. Festus uttered the very words that have become the charter:
 1. Of our faith. 2. Our hope. 3. Our love.
2. One Jesus, which was dead...affirmed to be alive is the very description that Jesus gives of himself. Rev. 1:18
3. Nearly everybody agrees that Jesus died. Many do not believe the resurrection story. Many theories as to what went with the body of Jesus. One theory we notice is the charge:
 1. That his disciples came and stole his body away while we slept. Matt. 28:13 This theory asks us to believe:
 1. That his disciples afterward spent their lives in the proclamation of a gospel founded on a fact they knew to be false. Who would believe it?
 2. That John penned the wonderful story of the resurrection knowing all the while it was false.
 3. But as a climax we are asked to believe that James and Stephen and Peter and Paul and others died as martyrs to a cause which they knew to be a lie.
4. To day we are not talking about Jesus dead, for that would not be sufficient, or even Jesus crucified as important as that is. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT JESUS ALIVE FROM THE DEAD. Our faith finds its focus in the risen, living Christ.
5. If there be no resurrection of the dead then; 1Cor.15:13-19
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6. He is risen from the dead carries clouds of glory trailing through our Christianity. His resurrection establishes beyond a doubt:
 1. The truth of Christianity.
 2. That Christianity is the only true religion.
 3. His resurrection prove that the Bible is the word of God. That all Jesus said and did is true.

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