

THE RESURRECTION

The Sunday Morning Factor !!!!



Martha at Lazarus's tomb



John 11:20 - 27 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died....."

What did she believe?

What didn't she quite get?

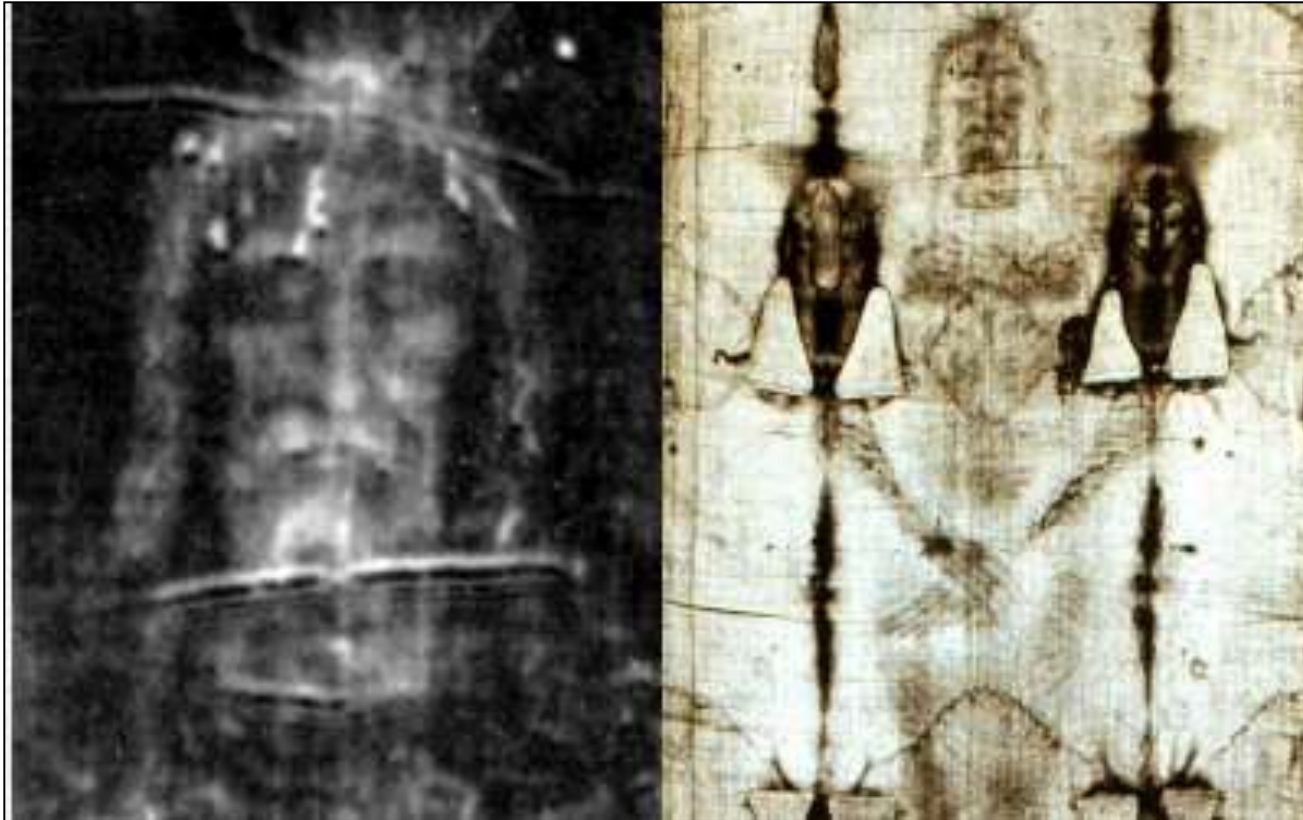
What's the difference between Lazarus and us?

The Empty Tomb



Matthew 27:62-66 The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. "Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' ...

He's not here, he has risen!



The Turin Shroud ?

**There are questions over dating methods
It appears to be a “photographic impression”**

**How did Jesus do it????
Something very powerful happened**

The Resurrection Appearances



Matthew 28:1-8 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

Witnesses for the Defence!

**Reality
stranger
than fiction
You can't
make it up**



1Corinthians 15:3-9 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

Its Importance in the Gospel Message in Acts

Jesus and Anastasia vs. The Greek gods



Act 17:16-18 While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols.

The references in the letters

Thessalonian worries



1Thessalonians 4:13-17 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

The references in the letters

**Corinthian heresy
implications for
believers**



1Corinthians 15:12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

The references in the letters

**Where O death
is your victory**



1Corinthians 15:51-57 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.....

The Vision in Revelation

**The Last Judgement
Death defeated**

Revelation 20:11-15

Daniel 12:2-3 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

The Vision in Revelation

The New Jerusalem

Eternal Life



Revelation 21:1 - 5 Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

All because Jesus died AND rose again !



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"