

picture camera in front of the tomb in Jerusalem after Christ had been buried there for two days. And suppose he had been able to run this moving picture camera and could see whatever might happen at that tomb. Would he ~~had~~ have been able to get some definite pictures to show the resurrection. He said, Karl Barth got very angry and said, Christianity Today, you ought to call it Christianity Yesterday! (Laughter)

In recent months I have read many articles, dozens of articles~~xxx~~ and a number of books written by prominent NT scholars with the words Son of Man in the title. In most of these you find references to the resurrection. But practically never a statement as to what they mean by the resurrection. For instance you will read that the Son of Man Christology must have arisen very soon after the resurrection, and it must have died out very soon because it left no trace in early Christian literature at all. The only place we find it is in the Gospels and the only place we find it there is in the words of Jesus. And they don't believe Jesus actually said those words. So it must be something that arose very early after the resurrection and the more than 80 occurrences in the Gospels must have come during that short time (~~while-they-~~ or they would have had some reference to it in later Christian writings.

How much easier it is to believe what the Bible says that these men, discouraged, disheartened, so disappointed and now they were filled with enthusiasm and zeal and ready to give their lives from the fact that they had actually seen their Lord risen from the dead and they had talked with Him and He had given them the orders, the teachings that were so important in their carrying on their ministry in succeeding days.

It is important to get back to this matter of the resurrection and to constantly refer to it as Paul did, as all the disciples did. It is the very foundation. We do not worship a dead Christ We worship a living Saviour.

I love that hymn that we just sang: Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Saviour, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord. X Up from the grave He arose with a mighty triumph o'er His foes. He arose a victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever with His ~~saints~~ saints to reign. He arose. He arose. Hallelujah, Christ arose. Let us pray.

O God our Father, we thank you that we do not worship a dead Christ. WE worship a living Saviour. We worship one who is indeed the Second Person of the Trinity, who is indeed the King of Glory. We worship One who was ready to give His life for our sins. One who allowed himself to be fastened to the cross and to suffer the death of a felon in our place. O our God each one of us deserves what He received. We have all sinned, we have all gone far from your purposes for us. O our Father, we deserve nothing good in ourselves, But we thank you that in the merits of Jesus Christ whom we stand before freed from the guilt of sin, constantly being freed more and more from its power, able to live with Him as our companion, as our leader as our guide. O we praise you our Father for the resurrection of Christ, and we pray that we may ever live in the light of that great event, and that we may live with the risen Saviour through our ~~Lord-and~~ lives and go to be with Him eventually. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.