

APOSTOLIC HISTORY

I. The Resurrection of Jesus.

A. Its Importance.

1. As a historical fact.

- a. The beginning of the Christian Church.
- b. The spread of the Christian Church.
- c. Its factual nature stressed in the New Testament.
- d. Modern recognition of its importance.

2. As a historical message.

- a. The gospel not good advice but good news.
- b. The resurrection in the early apostolic preaching.
- c. The resurrection in the preaching of Paul.
- d. The resurrection in the epistles of Paul.
- e. The resurrection in the epistle to the Hebrews.
- f. The resurrection in the epistles of Peter.
- g. The resurrection in the revelation of John.
- h. Modern attitudes towards the resurrection.

B. The Problems of the Resurrection.

1. Naturalistic explanations.

- a. The theory of fraud. Reimarus (1694-1768)
- b. The swoon theory. Paulus (1761-1851)
- c. The vision theory. Strauss (1808-1874)
- d. The telegram theory. Keim (1825-1878)
- e. The wrong tomb theory. Lake (1872-1946)

2. Questions of interpretation.

- a. What was the character of the appearances?
- b. What was the number of the appearances?
- c. What was the form of the Lord after His resurrection?
- d. In what place did Jesus first appear?
- e. On what day did Jesus rise from the dead?
- f. To whom did Christ first appear after His resurrection?
- g. What was the order of the appearances?

C. The New Testament Accounts of the Event.

1. I Corinthians 15:1-8.
2. Mark 16:1-8.
3. Matthew 28.
4. Luke 24.
5. Acts 1:1-8.
6. John 20 and 21.

D. The Nature of the Resurrection according to the New Testament Accounts.

1. The positive teaching.

- a. The character of the appearances.
- b. The number of the appearances.
- c. The form of the Lord after His resurrection.
- d. The place where Jesus first appeared.
- e. On what day did Jesus rise from the dead?
- f. To whom did Christ first appear after His resurrection?
- g. The order of the appearances.