



Shroud

We don't serve a Lord that cannot be touched with all the intimate details of our life and trials. Indeed, He tasted for Himself all that we go through in this fallen world. He had not partaken of the fallen nature, just of its consequences.

The Shroud of Turin can neither confirm or deny my faith. Tests have resulted in varying results. It is merely a "perhaps" remembrance of His visitation to this life. However, I can just imagine that such a burial cloth would be treasured by a saint of the early church as a remembrance of our Lord. Yet it would be nearly two thousand years before anyone discovered that just as it had bore His body, it bore His image also; an image not just of His face, but also His unique wounds.

It would be just like our Lord to leave such a testament; for those doubting Thomas' who have a hard time believing. He did say it was acceptable to believe because of signs. Such a power that ignited the resurrection could easily have burnt a cloth to ashes, but that is not our Lord. There is no destruction in Him. Instead it embedded an image. Just as He appeared in the burning bush that was not consumed, neither could His resurrection be destructive in its happening. As He was known to pass through closed doors, He would pass through cloth without damage. He is no longer subject to the laws of this dimension as He was in life.

Oh, but the power of that resurrection. The first to ever be resurrected - never to die again. The Word says that it was not possible for death to hold Him. He has set a pattern for us to follow. Can you imagine; the sea shall give up its dead; the burnt to ashes martyred saint shall be reconstituted; the deteriorating bones shall be clothed again with an indestructible covering. We know not yet what type of covering. Jesus kept His original form and wounds, recognizable by His disciples. I just believe we will share His glorious image, unique to ourselves, yet unmarred by all the defects or wounds that we might have bore in life. Yes, He is pre-eminent in all things. He goes before and prepares the way.

Someday that will be the destiny of us all. We will all share in that resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus is a resurrection to life. There is also a resurrection to death. Yes, just as there is a first resurrection, there will be a second death. "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death." Rev. 2:11 One who has not accepted Jesus as his redeemer, sin will be required of them. It is the eternal law of reaping and sowing. All the natural world was created from the spirit. The natural is temporary. The spirit is eternal.

What impression will you leave when you are resurrected from this life?