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## EDITORIALS

### HE WAS SEEN!

The final and indisputable proof of the resurrection of Christ is this . . . "He was seen . . ." Repeatedly in I Corinthians 15: 5-8, the apostle Paul used this phrase. "He was seen of Cephas . . . of the twelve . . . of above five hundred brethren at once . . . of James . . . then of all the apostles . . . and of me also . . ."

It is the personal appearance of the risen Lord that makes His resurrection a glowing and a glorious fact. The empty tomb bears silent testimony to His victory, the reports of those who have seen Him further substantiate the triumph, but the witness the heart awaits, is the Saviour Himself.

An empty tomb would be little more than a sacred shrine, if Jesus had not appeared; the historical statements of reliable witnesses had long since lost their force if those who heard and read their reports were not able to add "and last of all, he was seen of me also."

The apostle Thomas has been criticized for his lack of faith because he refused to accept the resurrection of Christ as real and true through the reports given him of his fellow disciples. And he was guilty of a lack of faith. But, when Christ appeared, he quickly and joyfully cried out "My Lord, and my God!"

It is the personal revelation of the risen Saviour that thrills the soul. It is the presence of the Lord that causes the heart to burn. When Jesus appears in the midst of those assembled in the house of prayer, there is little need of scripture and sermon to prove that He is living.

The great need of the Christian and the Church in this Easter season is a new and wondrous revelation of the resurrected Saviour, a revelation that will give birth to spontaneous song of praise "He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives to-day! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!"

### MISSING!

It was the evening of the first resurrection day. The disciples were assembled behind closed doors "for fear of the Jews." The topic for the meeting—the empty tomb,

the reported appearance of Christ to Mary Magdalene and Simon Peter. Hardly daring to believe what they heard, and certainly unable to grasp the tremendous significance of the reports, the followers of the crucified prophet of Nazareth were gripped with excitement and expectancy. Then the atmosphere was electrified as, while they talked, "Jesus himself stood in the midst of them". Supposing that they had seen a spirit, the disciples were filled with fear, but Jesus spoke saying, "Peace be unto you". Then He showed them His hands and His side, and, by these evidences being convinced that this was indeed the Saviour, now risen from the dead, "then were the disciples glad (filled with joy) when they saw the Lord."

What a meeting that must have been! How wonderful to have been present! But there is one sad note in the record of that service: "Thomas, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came". Where he was and why he was absent, we do not know. It is inconceivable that he did not know of the meeting. Some other explanation must be found. Perhaps he was discouraged, and yielded to a temptation common to those suffering from this state of mind—the temptation to stay at home rather than meet with the Lord's disciples. Perhaps he had little faith in the value of attending the meeting considering the disappointment and disillusionment of recent days. The sad fact about which there is no need of speculation is this: He was not with them "when Jesus came". He was missing from the service, and, being absent, failed to enjoy the thrill and receive the blessing that came to the hearts of those who were present.

Every time believers gather in the name of the Lord, though there be but two or three, they meet under the blessed promise "there am I in the midst". The risen Lord attends every meeting held in His name. The manifestations of His presence may vary, but always He is there. And "His presence makes the feast." Spiritual strength, and gladness, and blessing He imparts. Thus to absent ourselves from the services held in His name, is to miss and lack spiritual help we need. How many professing Christians are missing when Jesus comes to meet those who assemble for spiritual fellowship! Missing from prayer meeting, missing from the Sunday evening services, missing from the meetings called for intercession.

Thomas was present at the next service. He could not believe the statements made by those gathered together in the meeting he missed, but he determined to be with them when they met again. And he was. And Jesus had a special message and a special blessing for him.

Are you missing when the disciples gather in the name of the Lord? Do material interests, physical weariness, spiritual depression keep you from the house of God? The Lord, the glorious risen Saviour, waits to meet and bless you. Erase the word "missing" and write in (by prayerful purpose) the word "present" for every service that is on the church's schedule.

### WHICH CHRIST?

A very learned man once said to a little child who believed in the Lord Jesus, "My poor little girl, you don't know whom you believe in. There have been many christs. In which of them do you believe?"

"I know which One I believe in," replied the child. "I believe in the Christ who rose from the dead."

—The Sunday School Times

### ARE YOU REMEMBERING THE SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS?

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