

The Only True Haven of Rest

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In the Gospel of John, John speaking of himself states, "This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true" (21:24) NKJV. John further declares, "He who was from the beginning, who we have heard, who we have seen with our eyes, who we have looked upon, and our hands have handled . . . and heard we declare to you" NKJV. John is declaring Jesus to be who Jesus is; God of very God, coequal with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Kahn declared that Jesus was **not** flesh that became God, but rather Jesus is God who became flesh. John said, "the God-man that Jesus was and is real, the I AM (Jn. 8:58), who we have seen him with our physical eyes, heard him with our human ears, and have touched him with our very hands. Yes Jesus is real!

Some time ago a group of so called scholars reported that they were sorting through the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John to determine what can be believed and what is myth. Well, what evidence is there that any should be rejected or not believed? Well dear friend, let me declare to you that there is nothing in the Bible which cannot be believed! Only when man will not believe is any portion of Scripture considered myth or fiction. The error is not in the reliability of the Scriptures, but in man's sinful heart and mind which chooses not to believe God. These men further declare there is not one miracle that Jesus did nor did He foretell the future in prophecy. However, dear friend, they surely do not know their history very well for while the Bible declares all the works of Jesus to be true, there is also a considerable amount of historical evidence to prove these doubters to be unbelievers of what is clearly fact! God's word in its entirety is truth!

Let me assure these so called scholars that their unbelief will not sway the true believer in Christ to have his faith waver or be denied. First our own personal relationship with the Lord Jesus and our experiences in our walk daily with him, proves them all in error. Secondly, God the Holy Spirit put within our hearts and minds a witness, a testimony within our inner being that the Bible is true. So while they and other unbelievers cannot explain this, or even understand this, it is because they have not known the Holy Spirit's inner witness that confidently assures us that we belong to the Lord Jesus for time and for eternity. Our faith is NOT a blind faith that forces us to believe God. Instead it is an implanted faith that gives us eyes to see what they cannot see and understand. It has been said that "People do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself; no dear friend, they reject the Bible because it contradicts them." Mark Twain said one time to answer the question asked of him about his belief in the Bible. "It is not the things in the Bible that I do not understand that bothers, me, but rather it is the things I do understand that bothers me!"