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If there was no Resurrection then we have no Gospel to preach. The chief element in the preaching of the apostles was the witnessing to the R-

When some at Corinth questioned the apostleship of Paul he replied "Have I not seen the Lord?"

upon the fact of the R. the hope and life of the Church depend and no other fact of history is better attested than the R- of Jesus.

Let us examine the evidence that justifies our teaching along this line.

- I. Positive testimony of competent witnesses
 - a. men whose testimony is set forth in the Gospels had opportunity to know the cause they proclaimed with Him from time of baptism till time He ascended.
 - b. They were not superstitious men for they record how full of doubts they were and how Jesus reproval them for their unbelief.
 - c. They were not men of bad character.

d. They had no motive to deceive because saying that Jesus arose meant losing every thing even to life itself.

e. All apostles agree that Jesus arose. Paul in writing church at Corinth was conscious that 250 people were still living of the over 500 who saw Jesus after He arose.

f. This seeing Jesus after R. was no hallucination for no such could passers so many people at the same time.

II. The testimony of the apostles is corroborated by the surrounding circumstances.

Passover was on - pas. from every-where present - trial known to all. He had preached His R. and His enemies knew it and made every precaution - the tomb was sealed - 100 men stationed there to guard it.



One of three things had to happen.

1. His body went to dust as all bodies do.
2. Or His body was stolen away
3. Or He rose from the dead.