

important because it allows us to make a choice without having to wait until "all the data is in" (in this case the Last Judgment!). We should not be surprised that this is possible, because we are forced to do this in most of the decisions we make in everyday life, and no scientific theory is ever based on an induction from all the data. We can thus confront men right now with the answers to life's crucial questions and the demands of God for this life.

There is yet another point of superiority for the New Testament model of the Messiah which we should mention. It proposes an actual historical figure for its Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth. More than this, most historians will concede that this man has had as great an impact on history as any man who has ever lived. Moreover, this New Testament model is put forward as Jesus' own explanation of His person and work. Finally, the New Testament, written in the lifetime of men who observed Jesus' ministry, reports that Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to heaven, after demonstrating himself to be alive to hundreds who later died rather than renounce their testimony.

May we not wait for His return before we cast ourselves at His feet in repentance and trust, so that His suffering 2000 years ago may prevent our suffering for all eternity.