

B. The Problems of the Resurrection

1. Naturalistic Explanations

- a. The theory of fraud. Reimarus (1694-1768)
Wolfenbüttel Fragments published by Lessing, 1774-1778.
(cf. Justin Martyr: Dialogue with Trypho, 108)
- b. The swoon theory. Paulus (1761-1851), The Life of Jesus, 1828.
- c. The vision theory. Strauss (1808-1874), Life of Jesus, 1835.
- d. The telegram theory. Keim (1825-1878), The History of Jesus of Nazara.
- e. The wrong tomb theory. Kirsopp Lake (1872-1946), The Historical Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, pp. 251, 252.

2. Questions of Interpretation

- a. What was the duration of the appearances?
- b. What was the number of the appearances?
- c. What was the form of the Lord after His resurrection?
- d. In what place did Jesus first appear?
- e. On what day did Jesus rise from the dead?
- f. To whom did Christ first appear after His resurrection?
- g. What was the order of the appearances?

C. The New Testament Accounts of the Event

1. I Corinthians 15

- a. Importance of this chapter
- b. Date of writing - A.D. 55
- c. Occasion of the chapter
- d. Death, burial, and resurrection of Christ
- e. "According to the scriptures"
- f. Tenses of the verbs in verse 4
- g. "The third day", cf. Mark 8:31-33; 9:30-32; 10:32-34 and parallels;
Luke 24:7, 21, 46; John 2:19, 21; Acts 10:40
(William Sanday: Outlines of the Life of Christ, p. 183)
- h. List of appearances
- i. Cephas, cf. Luke 24:34
- j. The twelve, cf. perhaps Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-21
- k. Above five hundred brethren, cf. perhaps Matthew 28:16-20
- l. Which James?
- m. To Paul, note I Corinthians 9:1

2. Mark 16:1-8

- a. What about verses 9-20?
cf. H. B. Swete: The Apostles' Creed, p. 66.
- b. Verse 7, cf. Mark 14:28.

3. Matthew 28

- a. Appearance to the women in Jerusalem
- b. The report of the guard
- c. Appearance to the eleven disciples in Galilee
- d. Verse 17
- e. The Great Commission