"As Christians Jesus remains in us

The Remains of Jesus

On March 4, 2007, I watched, on the Discovery Channel, a documentary called "<u>The Lost Tomb of Jesus</u>". The film was released in conjunction with a book about the same subject "<u>The Jesus family Tomb</u>". The documentary can be watched with this link on <u>YouTube</u>.

Being a believer in Jesus. I was interested in what they had to say. However, as I got farther into the program, I began to question what they were stating to be facts. They stated they had found the family tomb of Jesus. In it were six ossuaries with the interpretation of the inscriptions as "Jesus son of Joseph", "Mary", "Joses (brother of Jesus)", "Mary known as the master", "Judah son of Jesus", and "Matthew". The film claims that another ossuary was perversely in the tomb, which all agreed was James, the brother of Jesus. The film claimed that the DNA of Jesus did not match that of either Mary's but "Mary known as the master" did match Judah's son of Jesus".

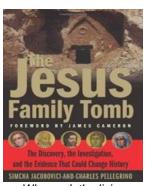
They gave the presentation that Jesus' remains were found. That His resurrection was only in spirit and not in body. Jesus' body was moved to this tomb to fool everyone. Also, that Jesus and Mary of Magdalene were married and Judah was their son. However, these important accounts were not recorded in the Bible.

"They claimed to take us to the tomb of Christ Himself, showing that He was a historic figure in spite of those who would claim Him to be nothing more than a myth. When the historical, archaeological and biblical evidence is interpreted and weighed, we expect there to be harmony." The case against this film came from religious, archaeological, science, linguistics and historical sources. Wikipedia has a great write-up on this film.

As a young man, Josh McDowell considered himself an agnostic. He truly believed that Christianity was worthless. However, when challenged to intellectually examine the claims of Christianity, Josh discovered compelling and overwhelming evidence for the reliability of the Christian faith. He and his son have written a series of books called "Evidence that Demand a Verdict". These books give expansive defense of Christianity's core truths, including the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

"And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Matt 28:5,6 "Then arose Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre; and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass." Luke 24:12 "Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." John 20:27-29

Let us not only celebrate Jesus' resurrection but show the world that He is alive and well.



Why seek the living among the dead?

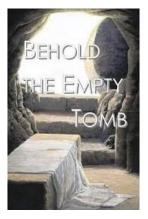
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"But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen. And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain." I Cor 15: 13,14

I serve a risen Savior. He is in the world today.

You ask me how I know He lives.

He lives within my heart.



¹en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The Lost Tomb of Jesus

²<u>apologeticspress.org/apPubPage.aspx</u> Additional references: <u>bible.org/article/lost-tomb-jesus</u> independent.co.uk/news/world/world-history/the-lost-tomb-of-jesus-scientist-claims-he-has-virtually-unequivocal-evidence-

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