

FACT OR FABLE?

Dr. Simon Greenleaf was the Royal Professor of Law at Harvard University. The rise of Harvard Law School to its eminent position among legal schools is usually ascribed to Dr. Greenleaf and his predecessor Justice Joseph Story. Greenleaf's three-volume work, **A Treatise On The Law Of Evidence** is still considered one of the greatest single authorities on the subject of legal procedure. Dr. Greenleaf examined the historical evidence to ascertain the truth of the greatest singular event in the history of man, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and applied the principles from his three-volume treatise on evidence.

He came to the conclusion, and recorded it in another book, that according to the laws of legal evidence used in courts of law, there is more evidence for the historical fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ than for just about any other event in history.

Romans 1:4 reminds us that this historical fact proved Jesus to be THE Son of God. If Jesus was a fraud, He was the greatest one in history. But if He spoke truth, and He did, then eternity and judgment stand before each of us. His resurrection is the evidence God has given us – to demand our attention and demonstrate the truth of His power.

Jesus died the death that we each deserve for rejecting God's law and sinning against Him. He paid the price to redeem us from sin. Our Father has made sure that this great sacrifice was documented clearly and witnessed incontrovertibly by friends, skeptics, and over 500 at one time. By the laws of evidence we apply in our own courtroom this fact of historic love has been demonstrated as truth and you are called upon now to believe.

A rationalistic lawyer by the name of Frank Morrison planned at one time to write a book dispelling the mythical, fairy-tale story of Jesus' resurrection. However, upon studying the facts, Dr. Morrison came to the conclusion that the sheer weight of evidence compelled him to believe that Jesus did actually rise from the dead. Morrison wrote his book, but not the one he intended. The first chapter in that book, "WHO MOVED THE STONE?" is aptly titled, "The Book that Refused To Be Written."

The evidence is there if you will consider it. Jesus is Lord of Lords and King of Kings and He lives yet, for you and me.

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