

# LESSON FOUR - THE WITNESS OF THE MONUMENTS

As in nature where "God has not left Himself without witness" to His creative acts and providence ( **Acts 14:17** ), so in the spiritual realm He has not left Himself without monuments to the Divine origin of Christianity. Since the resurrection of Christ is the fundamental fact and foundation of the whole system, God has provided ample evidence in proof of the fact. The institutions of Christianity bear witness as monuments to the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

## I. THE CHURCH.

- A. The foundation of the church rests on Christ's Deity ( **Mat. 16:16-18** ).
- B. Christ's claim to Deity rests on the Resurrection( **Mat. 12:38-40; Rom 1:3-4** ).
- C. Tho hated and persecuted, the church is still here!

## II. THE BIBLE.

- A. The Bible testifies concerning his life ( **John 20:30-31** ).
- B. It records the testimony of eyewitnesses( **1 Cor. 15:1-8; 1 John 1:1-4** ).
- C. The Bible is a unique book - How do we know? What are its proofs?
  - 1. It is trustworthy - the witnesses skeptics ( **Mark 16:9-13** ).
  - 2. It is demanding ( **John 20:30-21** ).
  - 3. It is guaranteed ( **2 Cor. 4:7-12** ).

## III. THE LORD'S DAY.

- A. From Pentecost - early writers refer to the "Lord's Day."
- B. **Rev. 1:10**. John, by inspiration, uses the term.
- C. A day of remembrance( **Acts 20:7** ).
  - 1. Resurrection day( **Luke 24:1-3** ).
  - 2. Pentecost - 50 days after Passover Sabbath ( **1 Cor. 15:20-23** ). Also called the Feast of Weeks or First Harvest.

## IV. THE LORD'S SUPPER.

- a. Here is another institution from the beginning ( **Acts 2:42** ).
- B. It proclaims his death ( **1 Cor. 11:23-26, 29** ).
- C. It also affirms a belief in the resurrection ( **vs. 26** ).

## V. THE NEW SIGNIFICANCE OF BAPTISM.

- A. John's work was preparatory ( **Mat. 3:1-3; John 1:7-8** ).
  - 1. So was his baptism ( **John 1:29-31** ).
  - 2. John's baptism was for remission of sins ( **Mark 1:1-5** ).
- B. From Pentecost - a new significance - into his death ( **Rom. 6:3-4** ).
- C. Baptism also affirms the resurrection ( **Rom. 6:4-5** ).

**CONCLUSION: SOME MONUMENTS PROVE HIS RESURRECTION, SOME MERELY KEEP IT BEFORE US.**