



Secrets Of the Sacred SHROUD



From the Shroud of Turin Education Project Inc. with Russ Breault

Is There a Message in the *Mystery*?



SECRET NUMBER ONE

Here is Irony

- ▶ If the Shroud was an obvious work of art...
- ▶ We would have figured that out years ago
- ▶ Yet after thousands of hours of scientific analysis
- ▶ It remains a mystery.



If not Authentic--Who Was the Artist?

- ▶ He must have predated Leonardo DaVinci by several hundred years
- ▶ He is not identified
- ▶ No one knows how he did it
- ▶ He never did anything else of any significance
- ▶ Possible? Maybe.
- ▶ Likely? Doubtful.
- ▶ Even art historians say it didn't originate in the middle ages



It Remains a Mystery

- ▶ Despite our best efforts to solve the riddle
- ▶ It remains a mystery
- ▶ This is a strong argument for authenticity!
- ▶ Why?



ALL the Deep Things of God are MYSTERIES!

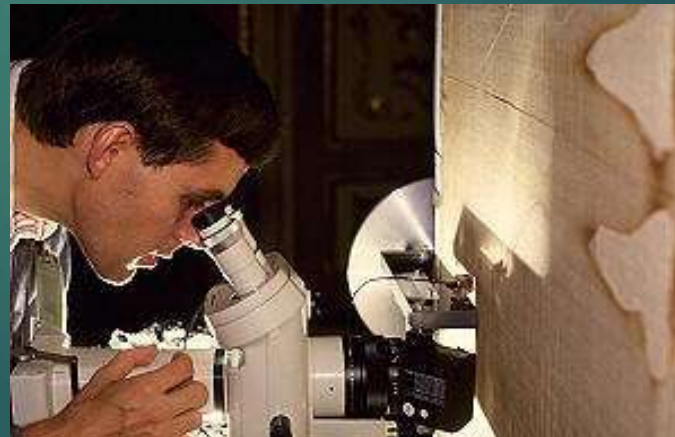
- ▶ Can anyone explain the incarnation—the Word of God made flesh?
- ▶ Can anyone explain the resurrection?
- ▶ How does one calm a storm with a simple command?
- ▶ How does one feed 5,000 with a boy's lunch?



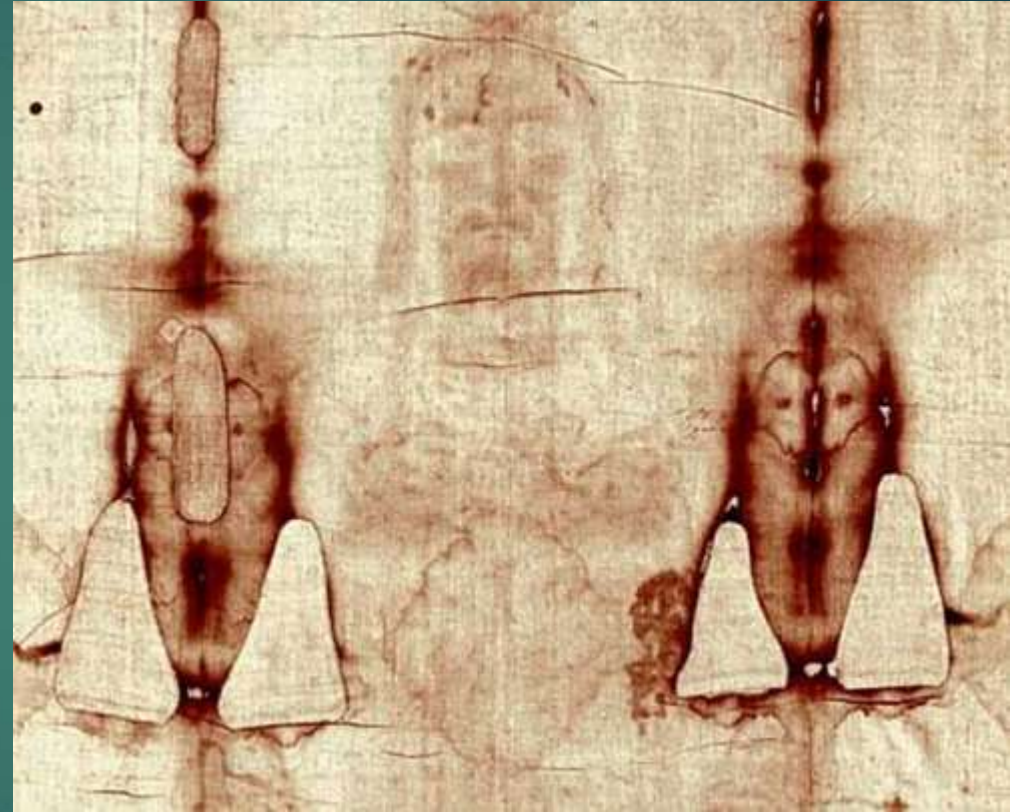
Maybe the Mystery **IS** the Message

- ▶ Wouldn't it be consistent...
- ▶ That the burial Shroud of Jesus...
- ▶ A cloth that was exposed to a release of energy the split second when time and eternity met...

▶ His Burial Shroud would also be a **MYSTERY!**



When is a Scorch NOT a Scorch?



SECRET NUMBER TWO

What is the Nature of the Shroud Image?

- ▶ No trace of:
- ▶ Stain
- ▶ Pigment
- ▶ Dye
- ▶ Paint
- ▶ Ink
- ▶ No Artistic Substances



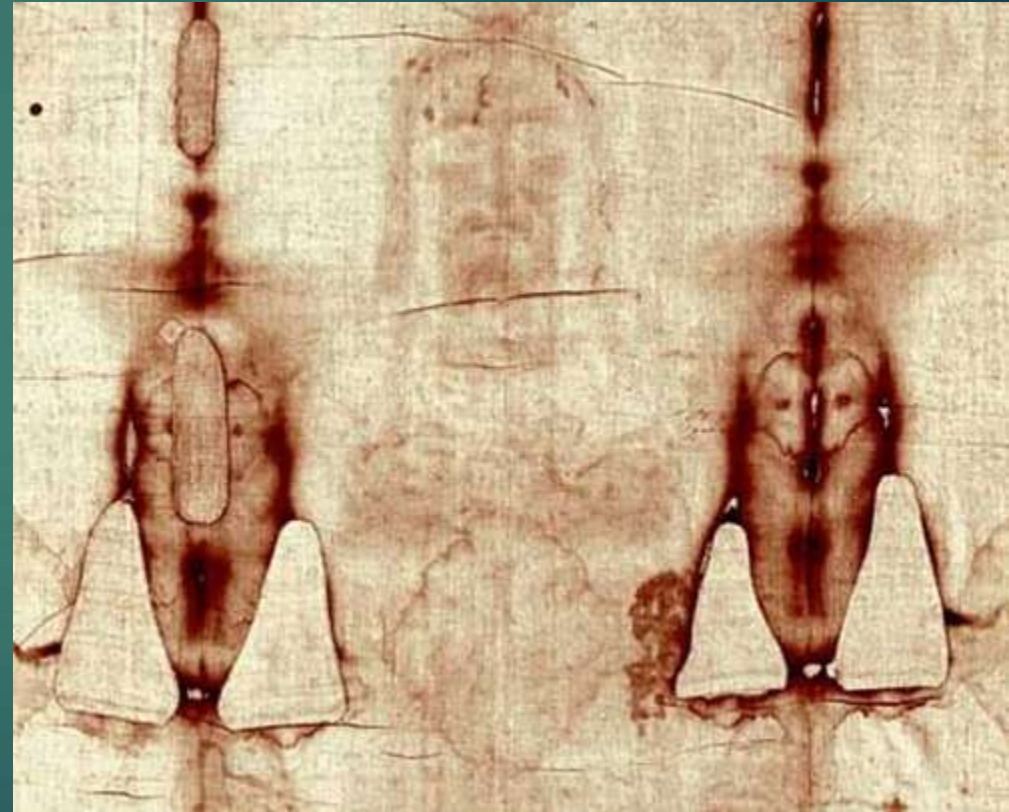
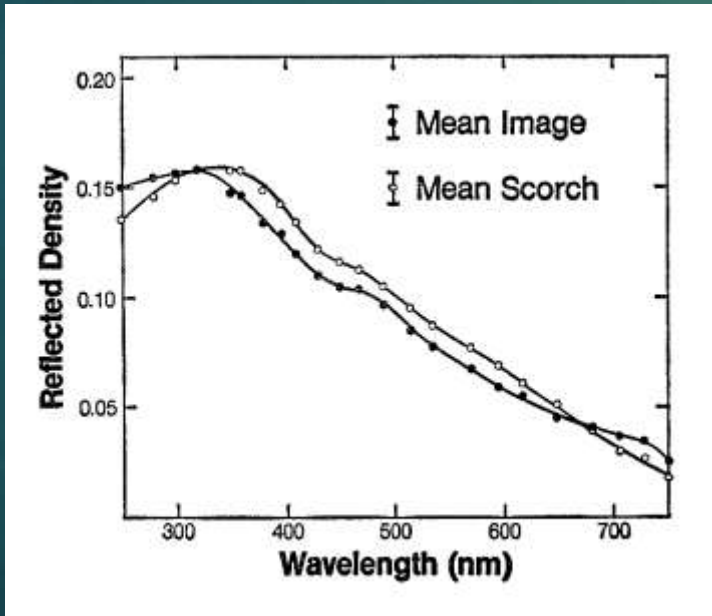
Purely Superficial

- ▶ Image only effects the top two micro-fibers
- ▶ Less than 1% of a single thread
- ▶ Image does not appear on the reverse side of the cloth



Spectroscopy Shows the Image *Graphs* like a Scorch

- ▶ It has the same spectral reflectance characteristics as a scorch.



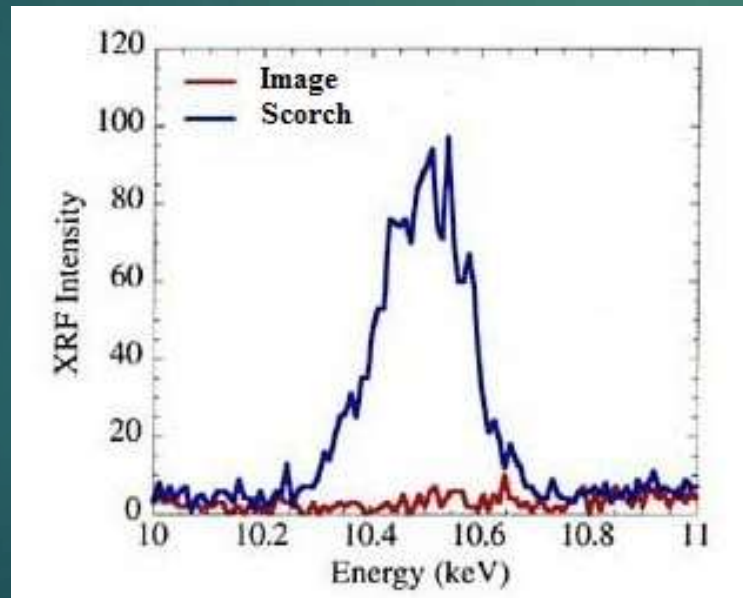
The Burns also Fluoresce as Expected

- ▶ UV Fluorescence shows that burn holes (caused by fire) fluoresce when “excited” by ultraviolet light
- ▶ Indicates that the burns were created from heat as expected

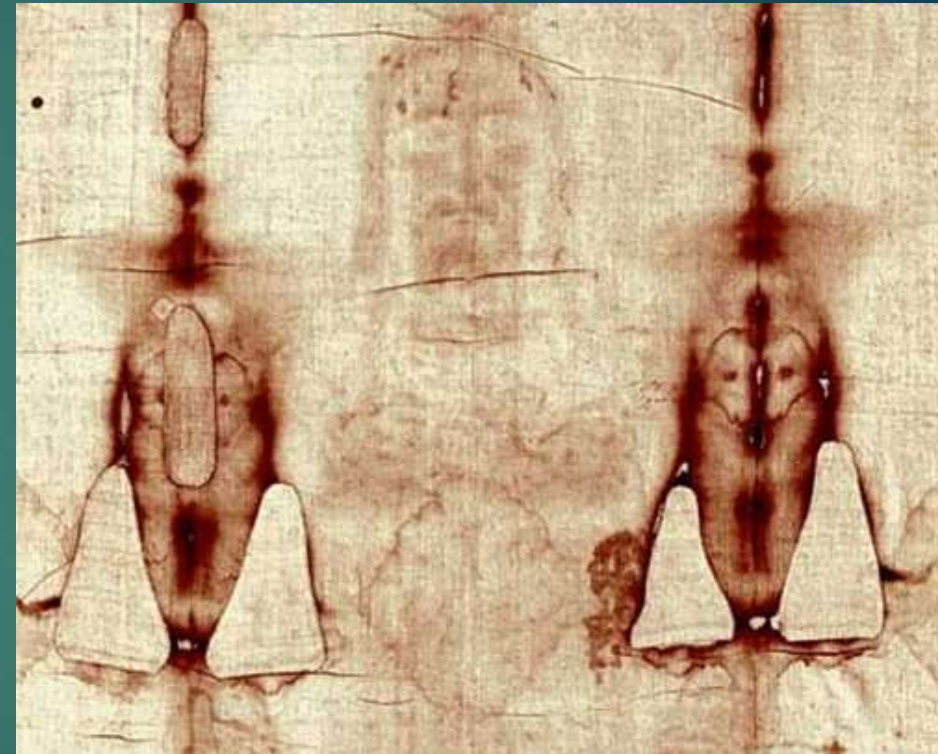


However...Unlike the Burns

- ▶ The image does NOT fluoresce under UV fluorescence.
- ▶ The image is NOT the result of heat.



UV Fluorescence



So... it LOOKS like a scorch but ISN'T!



When is a Scorch NOT a Scorch?

When is a Wind NOT a Wind?

- ▶ “And suddenly there came a **sound** from heaven, as of a rushing mighty **wind**, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.”
- ▶ It was not a wind, but only SOUNDED like wind. It was the Holy Spirit descending at Pentecost.

Acts 2:1-3



When is a Fire NOT a Fire?

- ▶ “They saw what seemed to be **tongues of fire** that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit” Acts 2:3-4

- ▶ **Yet they were not burned by this fire!**



Moses and the Burning Bush

- ▶ It was on fire yet did NOT burn up!
- ▶ Was it a manifestation of the Spirit as on Pentecost?



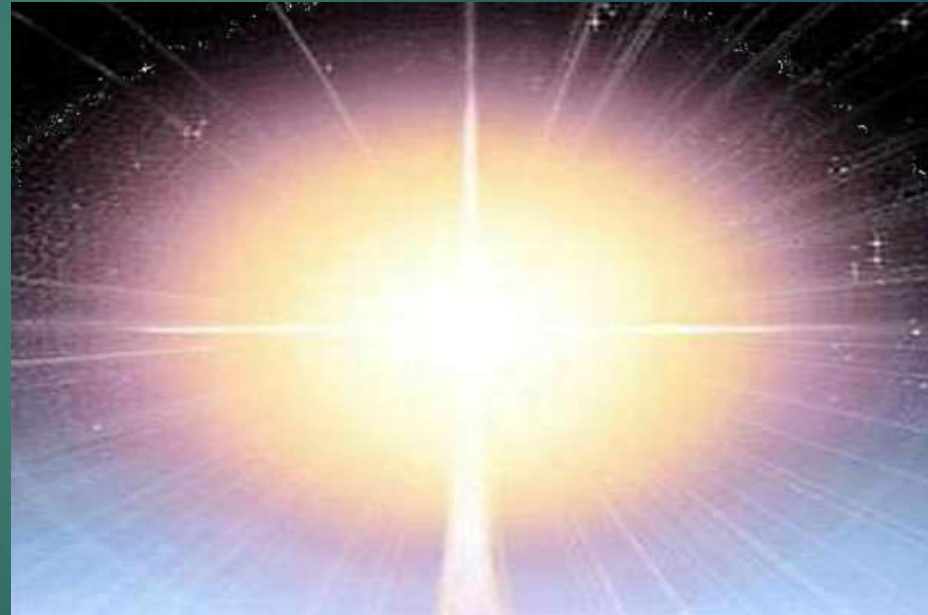
When Moses came down from the Mountain

- ▶ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was **radiant** because he had spoken with the LORD.
- ▶ They saw that his face was **radiant**. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face...
Exodus 34



Could These Be Clues to the Nature of the Shroud Image?

- ▶ Something that LOOKS like a scorch but isn't?
- ▶ Could it be a manifestation of God's glory at the moment of resurrection?

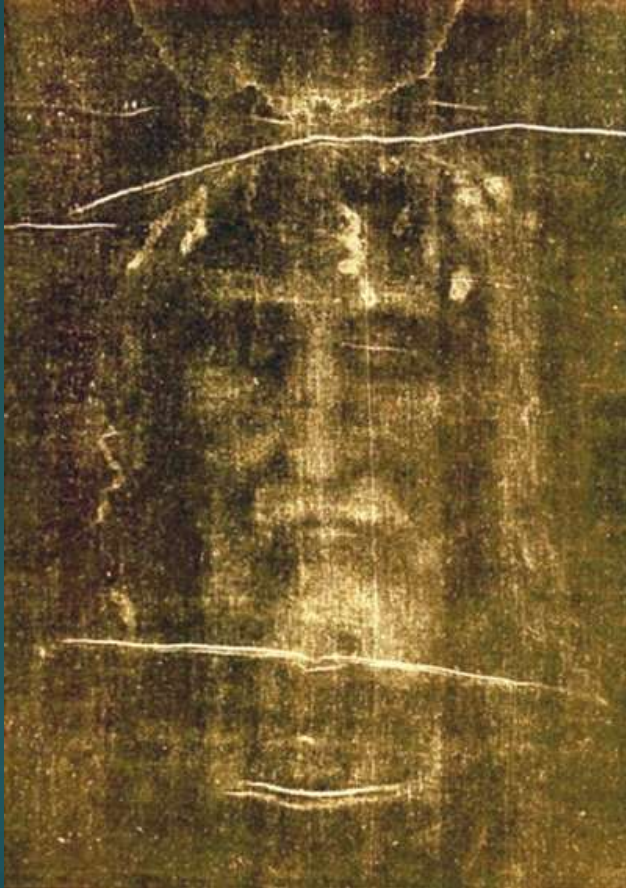


Two Questions

- ▶ When is a fire NOT a fire?
- ▶ When is a scorch NOT a scorch?
- ▶ **Maybe when it is light and not heat.**



The Witness

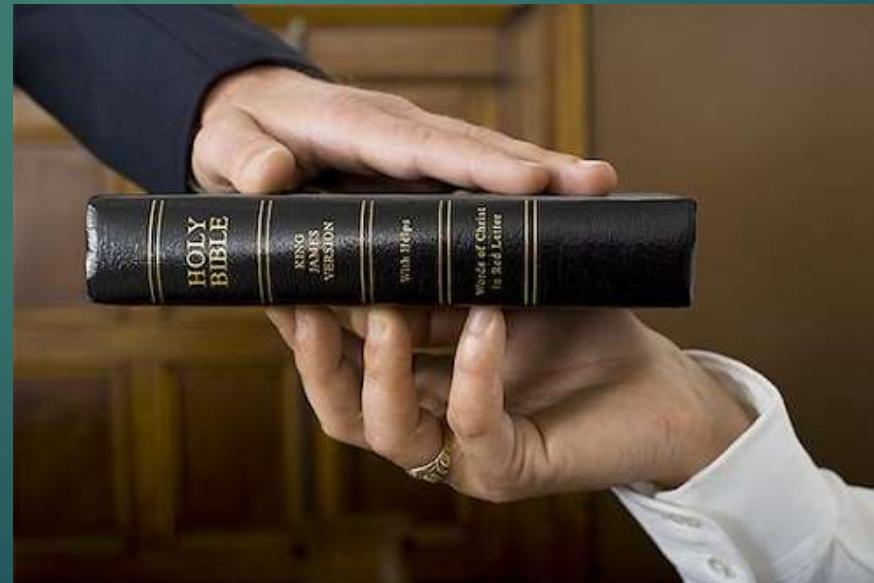


Secret Number Three

A Biblical Principle

The truth of any matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

Deuteronomy 19:15



The Best Single Reason

- ▶ The best reason why the Shroud MUST be authentic...
- ▶ Is not from science
- ▶ Nor from history
- ▶ But from biblical principle
- ▶ **God does not violate his own rules.**



Every Miracle of Jesus had Numerous Eye-Witnesses



From Beginning to End

- ▶ First miracle
- ▶ Last miracle
- ▶ His Baptism
- ▶ All miracles of healing
- ▶ Six post resurrection appearances
- ▶ **ALL HAD MULTIPLE WITNESSES!**



Yet there were NO Eye- Witnesses to the Resurrection!

The most significant
miracle of all???

The one that verified
Jesus as the Son of
God--had no eye-
witnesses???



God Does Not Violate His Own WORD

There Must Be Three Witnesses!

Who or what are they?



First Witness to the Resurrection

- ▶ The empty tomb!
- ▶ It can be seen today.



One Witness is Not Enough

There Must Be



Second Witness Must Be The Vacant Burial Shroud



Peter and John saw the linen cloths lying there and believed.

It was the first piece of evidence that Jesus had risen from the dead!

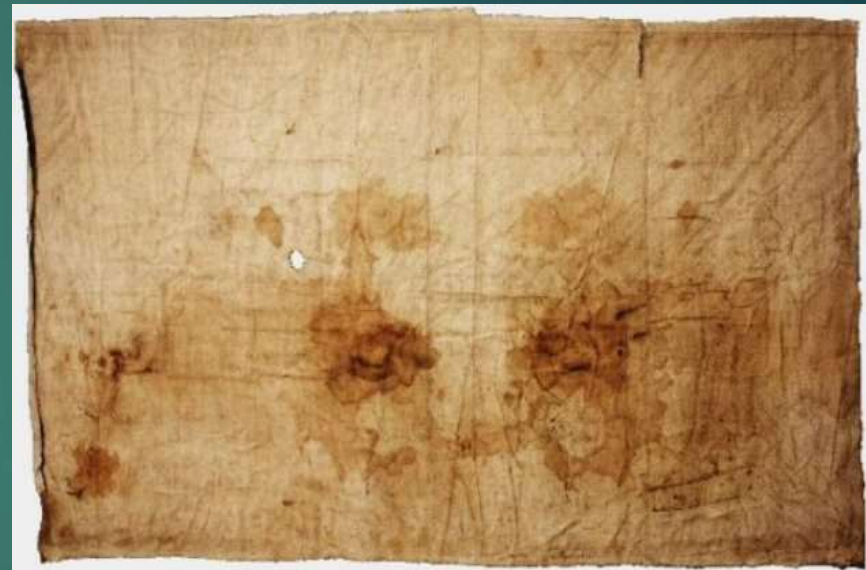
The Napkin

- ▶ Then Peter...saw the linen cloths lying, and the **napkin**, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. John 20:3-7

Sudarium of Oviedo?

- ▶ Called the “Sudarium”
- ▶ Size of small bath towel
- ▶ Kept in Oviedo, Spain.
- ▶ Documented history to the 7th century.

- ▶ Linked to the Shroud by blood type, blood patterns, and pollen.



The Napkin

- ▶ No image
- ▶ Wrapped around face after death while still on the cross
- ▶ Removed from the face before final burial
- ▶ Kept with the body because of the blood—life is in the blood.
- ▶ Six parts pleural fluid and one part blood



Mark Guscini

A Closer Look



Cloth was in three different positions from cross to the tomb.

Accounts for multiple bloodstain and pleural fluid patterns.

A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

Deut 19:15

- ▶ The word “MUST” means the empty tomb is not enough.
- ▶ The Linen Shroud must be the second witness.
- ▶ The scripture only demands two witnesses BUT something as profoundly important as the resurrection would seemingly call for all three witnesses.
- ▶ Is the third witness the Sudarium?



THREE WITNESSES!

- ▶ The Tomb
- ▶ The Shroud
- ▶ The Napkin



All Three Give Witness Today

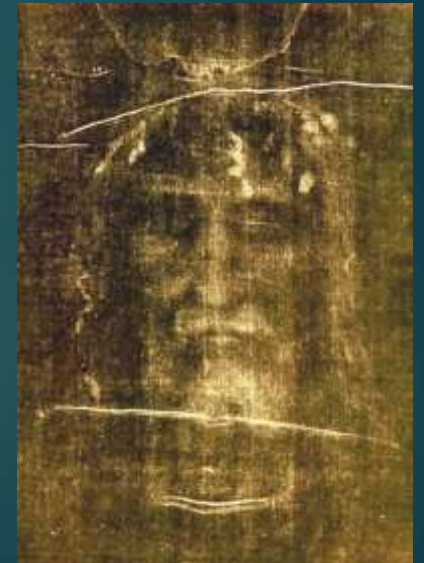
Human witnesses would all be dead.

YET...

The TOMB can be seen today.

The SHROUD can be seen today.

The SUDARIUM can be seen today.



A witness for all generations.

God never violates his own word!

Theology of Linen

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Theology of Linen

- ▶ Linen has significant meaning from Genesis to Revelation.
- ▶ Jesus begins his life wrapped in “swaddling clothes” and ends in a burial shroud.



Fine Twisted Linen

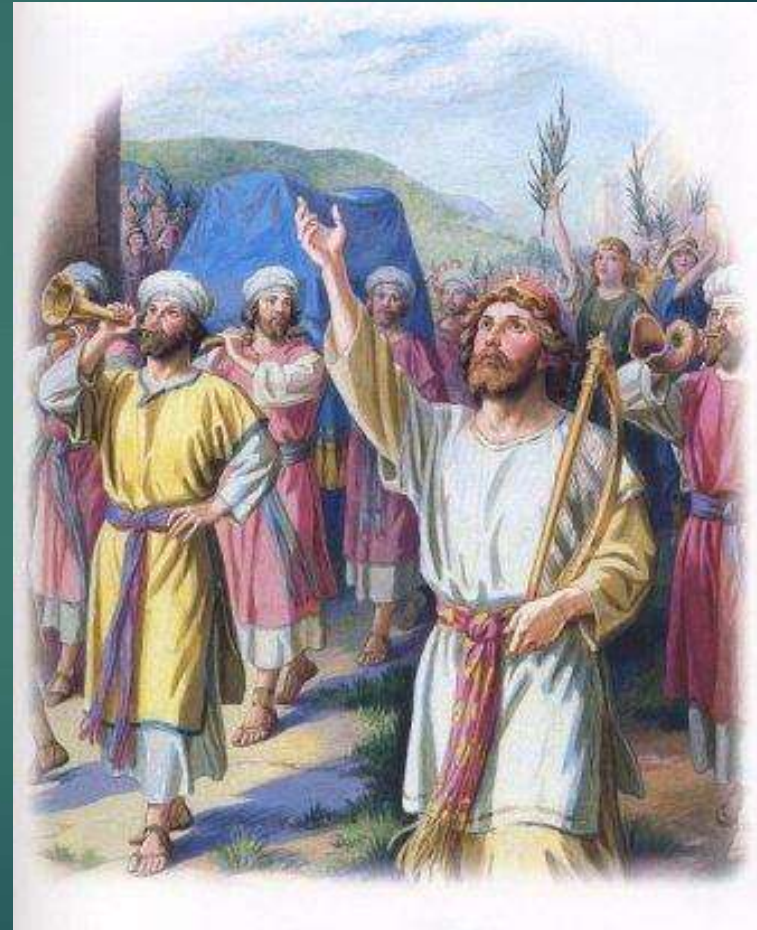
Moses commanded to:

- ▶ Make the tabernacle with ten curtains of finely twisted linen. Ex 26:1
- ▶ For Aaron and his sons, they made tunics of fine linen. Ex 39:27



King David

- ▶ Now David was clothed in a robe of fine linen, as were all the Levites who were carrying the ark.
1 Chron 15:27



Attire of Angels

- ▶ The seven angels who were holding the bowls of the seven plagues came from the Temple, clothed in spotless white linen. Rev 15:5-6



Clothing of the Saints

For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear. (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) Rev 19:7-8



The Shroud is Fine Twisted Linen

- ▶ There came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, he took the body... wrapped it in a clean linen cloth. Matt 27:57-59
- ▶ The shroud is made using a 3:1 herringbone weave with a “Z Twist”

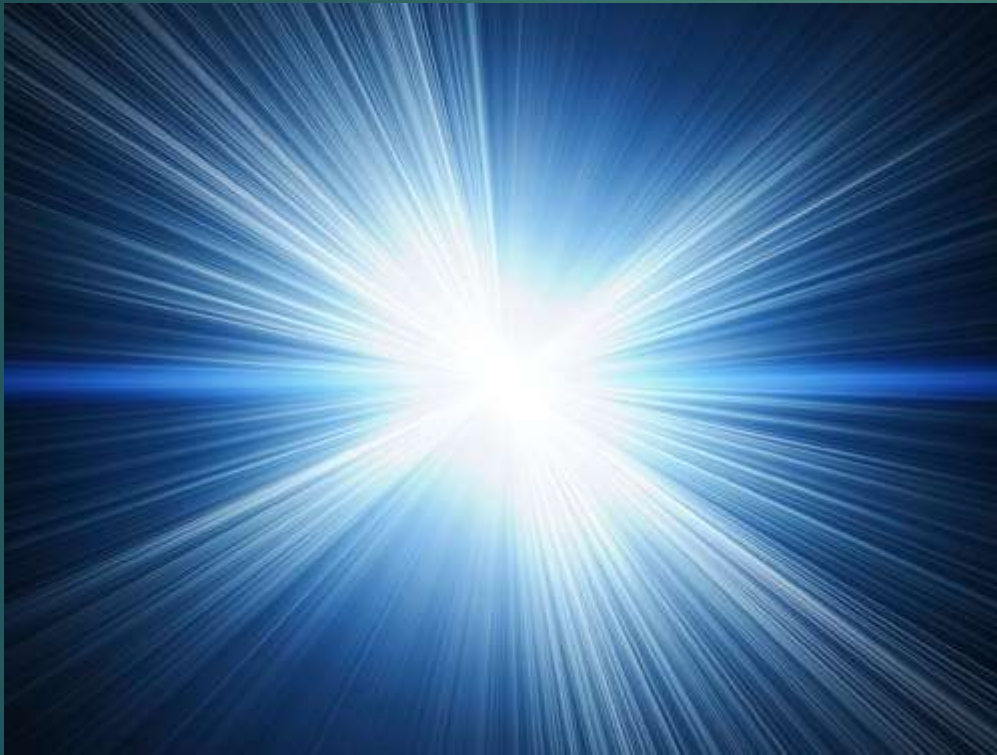


A Clue to the True Identity of Jesus?

- ▶ Joseph of Arimathea was a Pharisee
- ▶ He was connected with the temple
- ▶ He had access to the temple store
- ▶ Did he purchase a cloth made of “fine twisted linen” to send a message?
- ▶ Did he purposely wrap Jesus in linen worthy of a high priest about to enter the Holy of Holies?

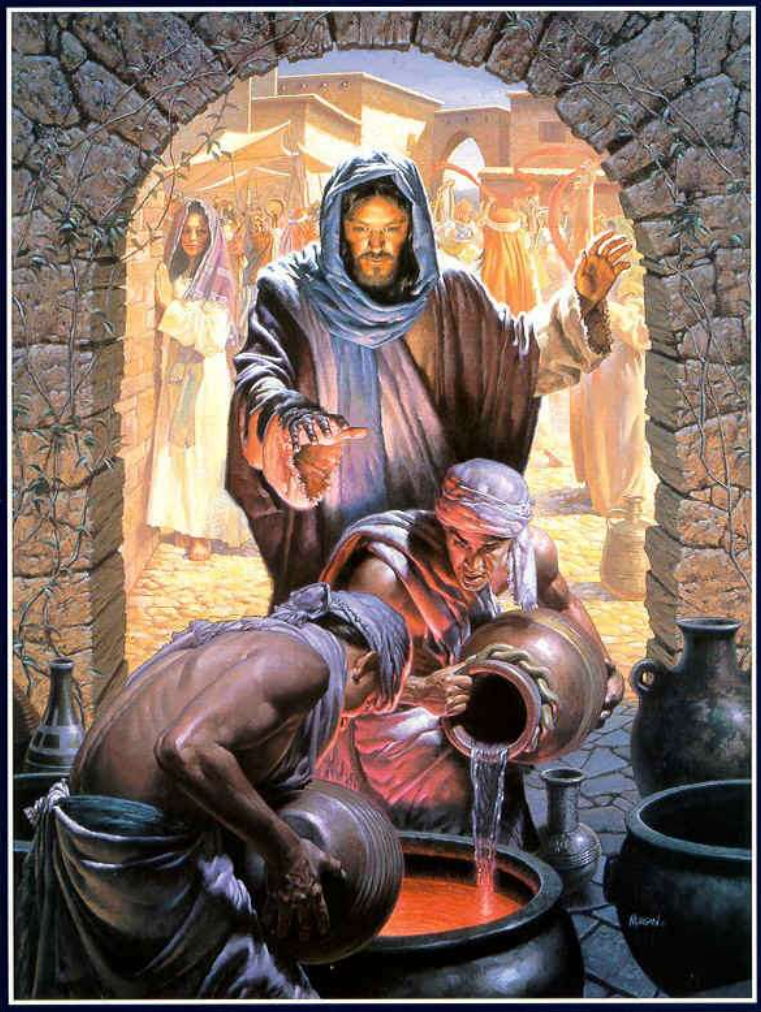


Transformation



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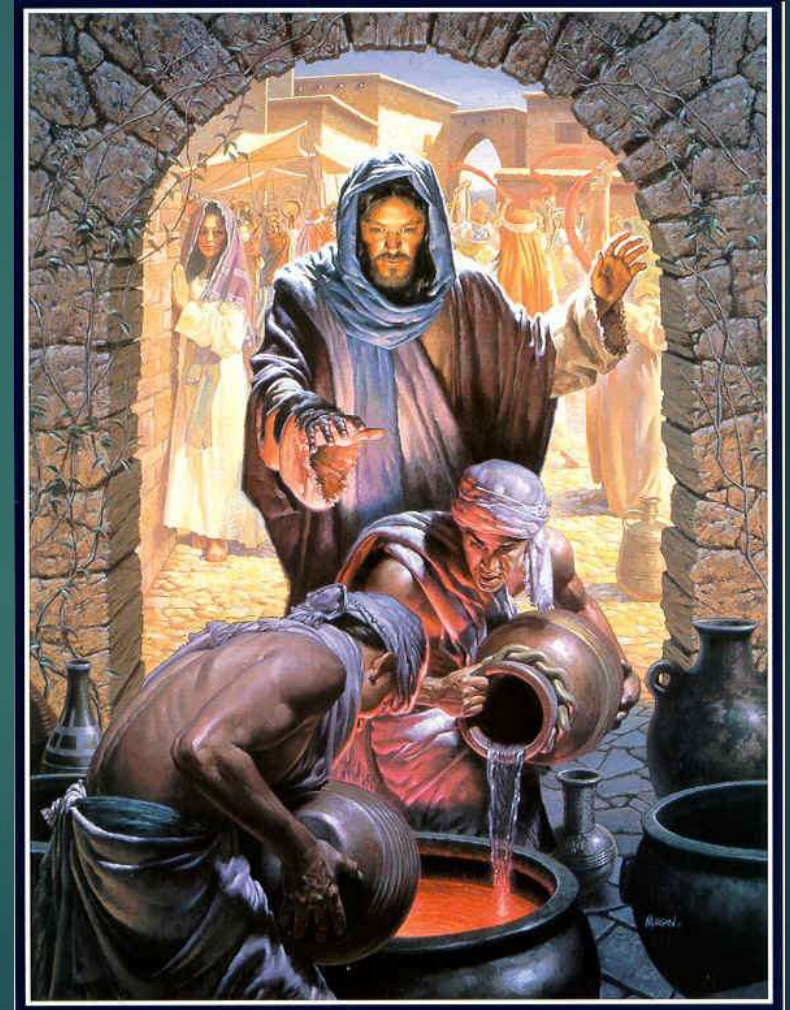
A Sign? For What Purpose?



- ▶ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he **revealed his glory**; and his disciples believed in him. John 2:11
- ▶ Jesus performed many other signs...But these are written **that you may believe** that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:30-31
- ▶ The purpose of the Word and the Shroud are identical.

A Sign of Transformation

- ▶ Christianity is more than a belief system.
- ▶ It offers the power to transform lives.
- ▶ First by the blood.
- ▶ Then by the Spirit.



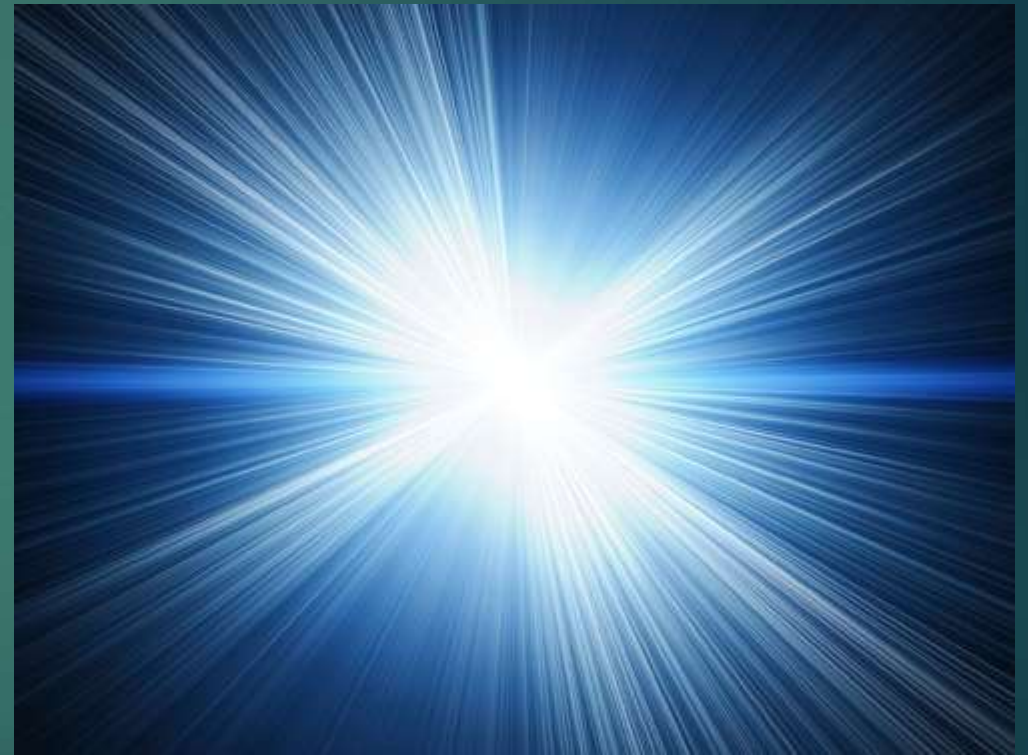
Transformed by the Power of the Spirit

Initial Transformation (water to wine)

- ▶ And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the **Spirit**. 2 Corinthians 3:18

Ultimate Transformation (resurrection)

- ▶ And if the **Spirit** of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his **Spirit** who lives in you. Romans 8:11

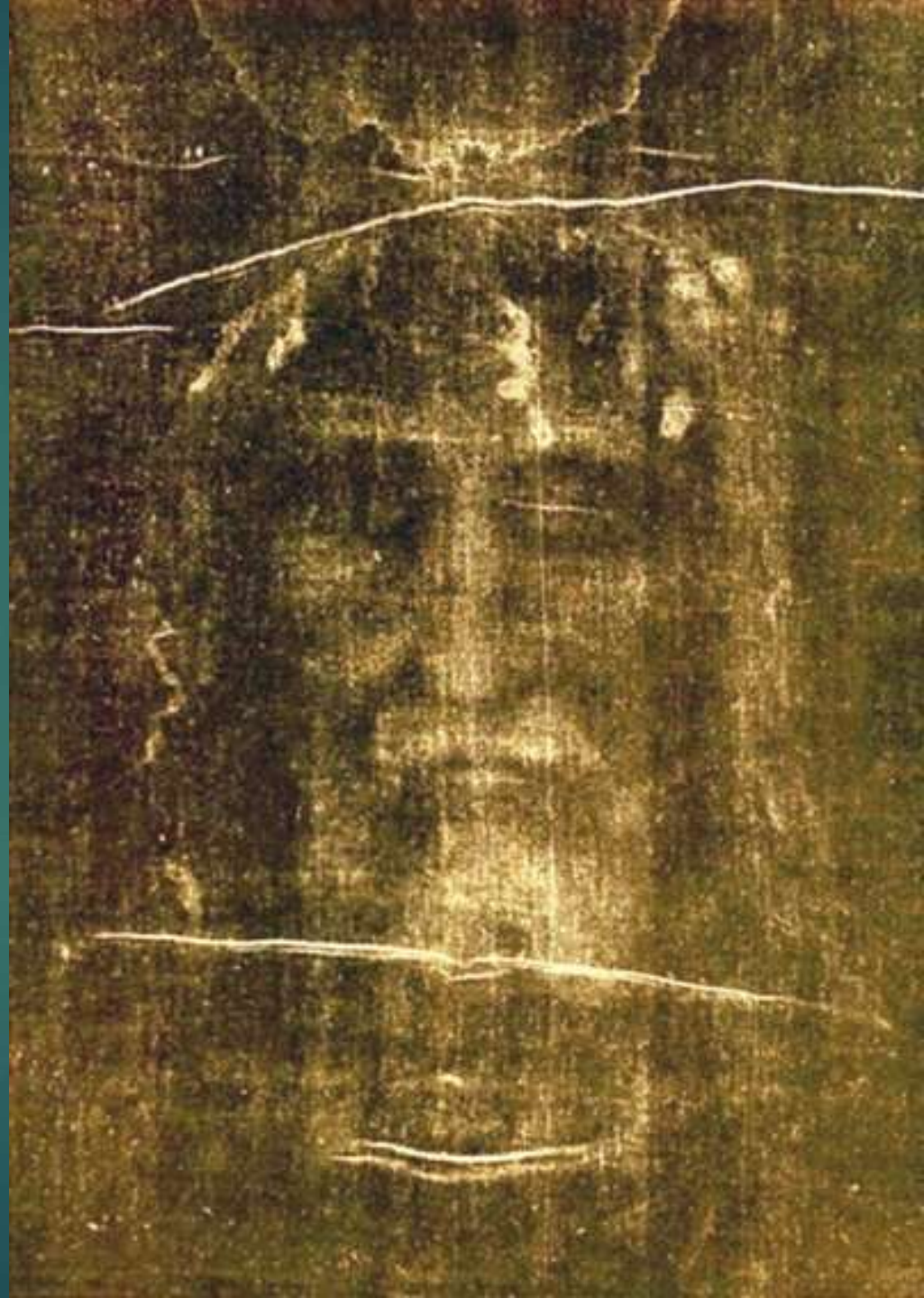




The Shroud Represents the Promise of
Initial and Ultimate Transformation!

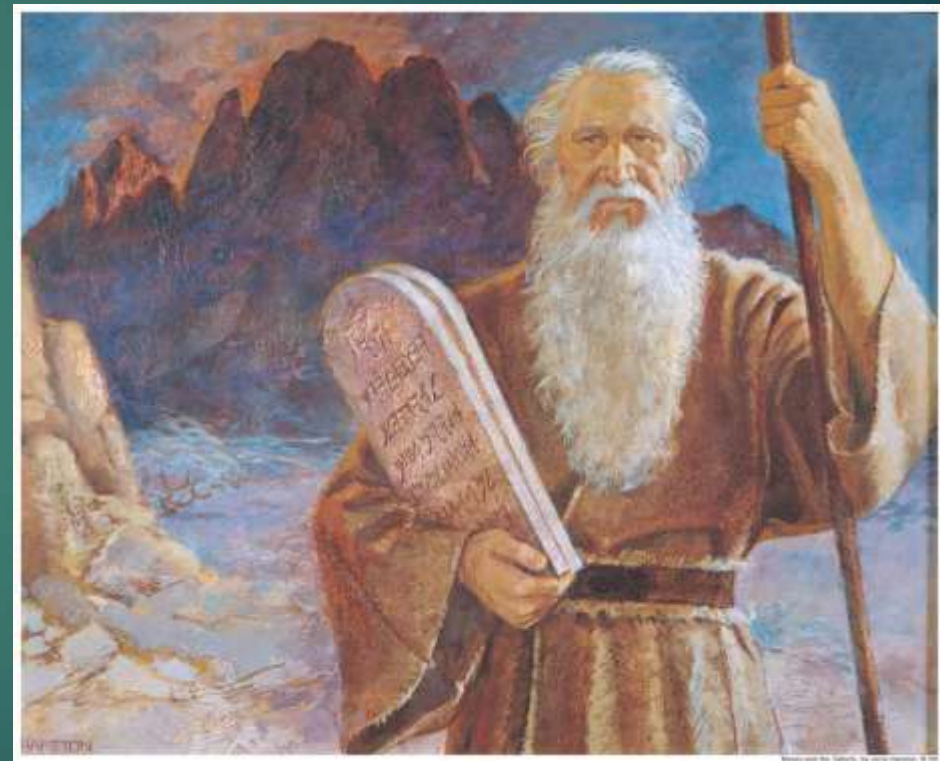
THE FACE

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Old Testament: No one ever saw the **FACE** of God

- ▶ Then Moses said, “Now show me your **GLORY**.”
- ▶ God responded, “You cannot see my **FACE** for no one may see me and live....you will see my back, but my **FACE** must not be seen.”
Exodus 33:18-23



TO SEE THE FACE OF GOD IS TO SEE THE GLORY OF GOD

New Testament—Everything changes

- ▶ “The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.”
- ▶ “We have seen his GLORY of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”
John 1:14



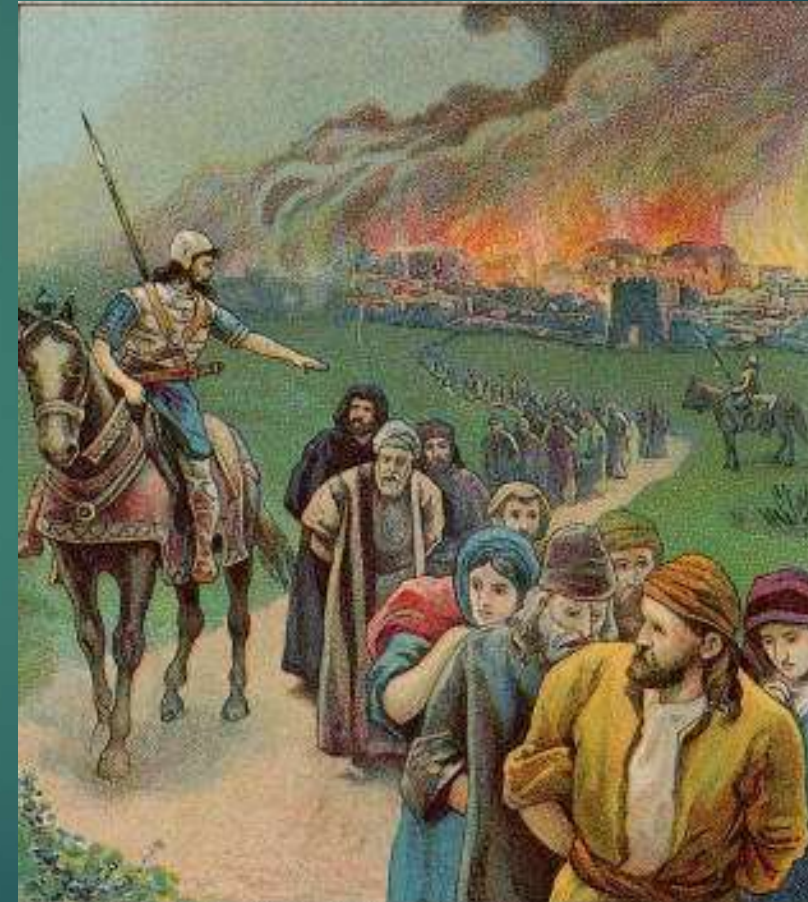
When the **FACE** of God Turns Towards you It means Blessing and Favor

- ▶ The Blessing of Aaron:
- ▶ “The LORD bless you and keep you
- ▶ The LORD make his **FACE** shine upon you and be gracious to you.
- ▶ The LORD turn his **FACE** toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-27



BUT bad news for them if He should turn his **FACE** away.

- ▶ I will set my **FACE** against the person who turns to mediums and spiritists... Leviticus 20:6
- ▶ “If you reject my decrees and abhor my laws and fail to carry out my commands and so violate my covenant, I will set my **FACE** against you so that you will be defeated by your enemies...” Leviticus 26:14-17



God even HIDES his FACE

- ▶ “The Lord said to Moses...They will forsake me and will break the covenant I made with them. On that day, I will become angry with them and forsake them; I will **HIDE MY FACE** from them and they will be destroyed.”
Deuteronomy 31:16-17



David Pleads with God

- ▶ “Do not hide your **FACE** from me, do not turn your servant away in anger...”
Psalm 22:9



Our own Rebellion turns God's **FACE** Away

- ▶ But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his **FACE** from you, so that he will not hear.
Isaiah 59:2



What Must We Do?

- ▶ “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and **SEEK MY FACE** and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

II Chronicles 7:14



To see the **FACE** of Christ Is to see the **GLORY** of God

- ▶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light to shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the **FACE** of Christ.
II Corinthians 4:6



- ▶ The **GLORY** of God is revealed in the **FACE** of Christ!



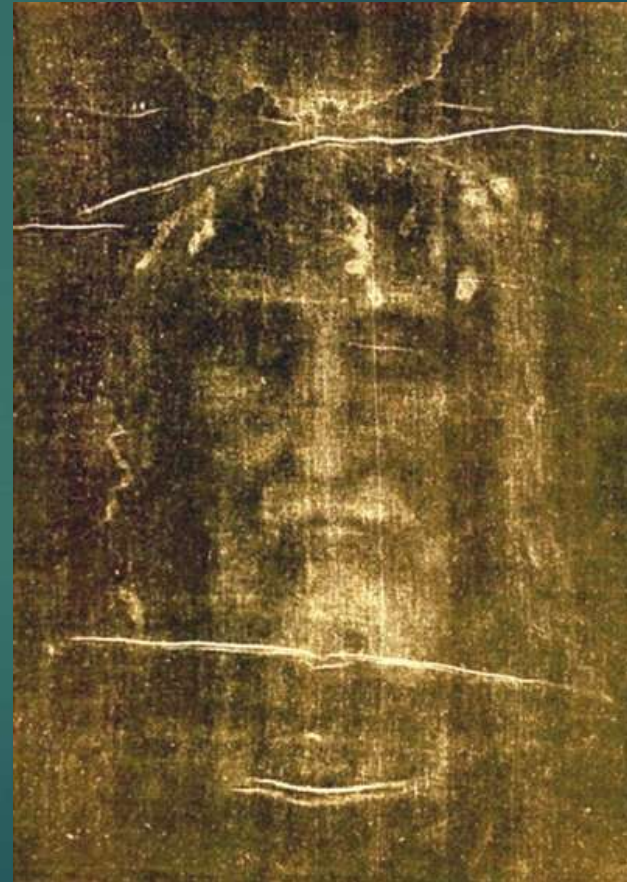
Why is the Face on the Shroud Significant?

- ▶ In Christ, we are fully forgiven and accepted!
- ▶ “Therefore, there is now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus...” Romans 8:1-2

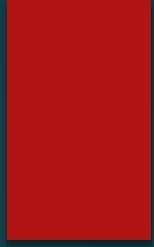


All of God's Judgment for Sin Was placed on Christ—Not on us!

- ▶ Seeing the **FACE** of Christ on the Shroud is a sign of God's acceptance. He is NOT *turning or hiding* his **FACE** from us.
- ▶ We behold his **FACE** because He loves us and has freely forgiven us in Christ!



The Final Secret



FOUR WORDS

Used to describe the Shroud

- Relic
- Artifact
- Mystery
- Symbol

They describe what the shroud IS as an object but they fail to describe its purpose or function.

A Whole New Concept



BOUGHT

You are not your own;
you were **bought** at a price.

1 Cor 6:19-20

PURCHASED

Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock....which He **purchased** with His own blood. Acts 20:28

REDEEMED

Knowing that you were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, *like silver or gold...* but with the precious blood of Christ...

1 Peter 1:18-19

RANSOM

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a **ransom** for many.

Mark 10:45

What Do These Four Words Mean?

BOUGHT

PURCHASED

REDEEMED

RANSOMED

A TRANSACTION HAS OCCURRED

A PAYMENT has been made on our behalf

When Making a Purchase

- ▶ When we go a store to purchase anything, we are making a **TRANSACTION**.
- ▶ When you hand the money to the cashier, she gives you something in return.



A RECEIPT!

What is A Receipt?

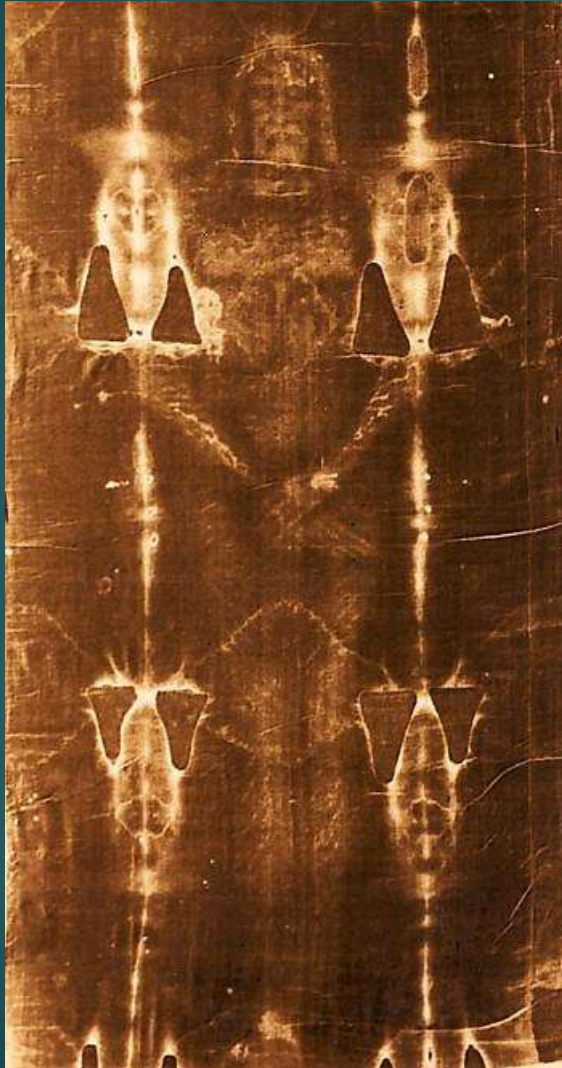
- ▶ A receipt shows the price that was paid—
- ▶ More than that...
- ▶ It is a proof of purchase

Peter and John

- ▶ When Peter and John ran to the tomb and “*Saw the linen cloth lying there.*”
- ▶ They saw the proof of purchase...a receipt
- ▶ When they opened it up...they saw the price that was paid.

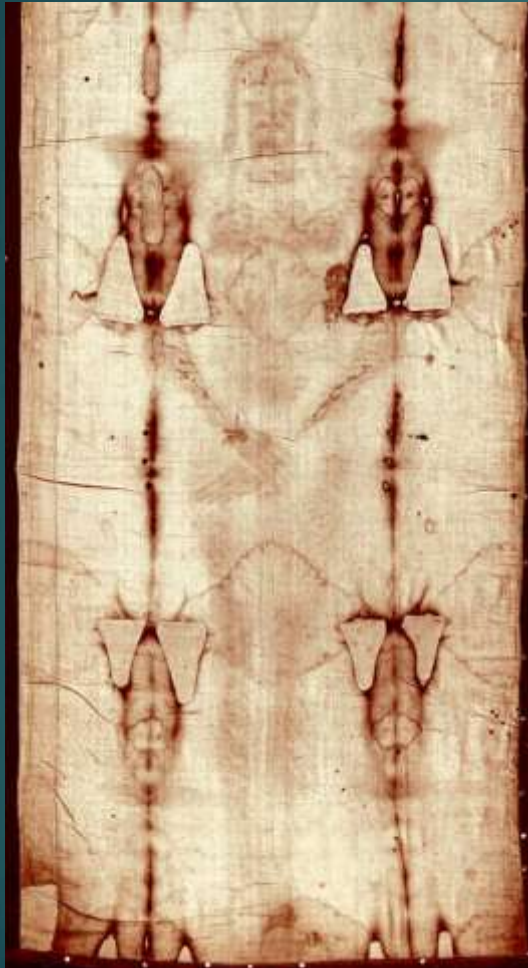


The Shroud of Turin is a RECEIPT!



- ▶ Not only that...it is an itemized receipt documenting everything that was paid.
- ▶ *Crown of thorns*
- ▶ *Wound in the side*
- ▶ *Severe scourging*
- ▶ *Nail wounds in the wrists and feet.*

Proof of Purchase!



- ▶ We have been purchased!
- ▶ We belong to Christ.
- ▶ And we have a receipt to prove it!

BOUGHT • PURCHASED • REDEEMED • RANSOMED



**"JUST AS THE SON OF MAN
DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED,
BUT TO SERVE, AND TO GIVE
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- THE SHROUD - HIS "PROOF OF PURCHASE"

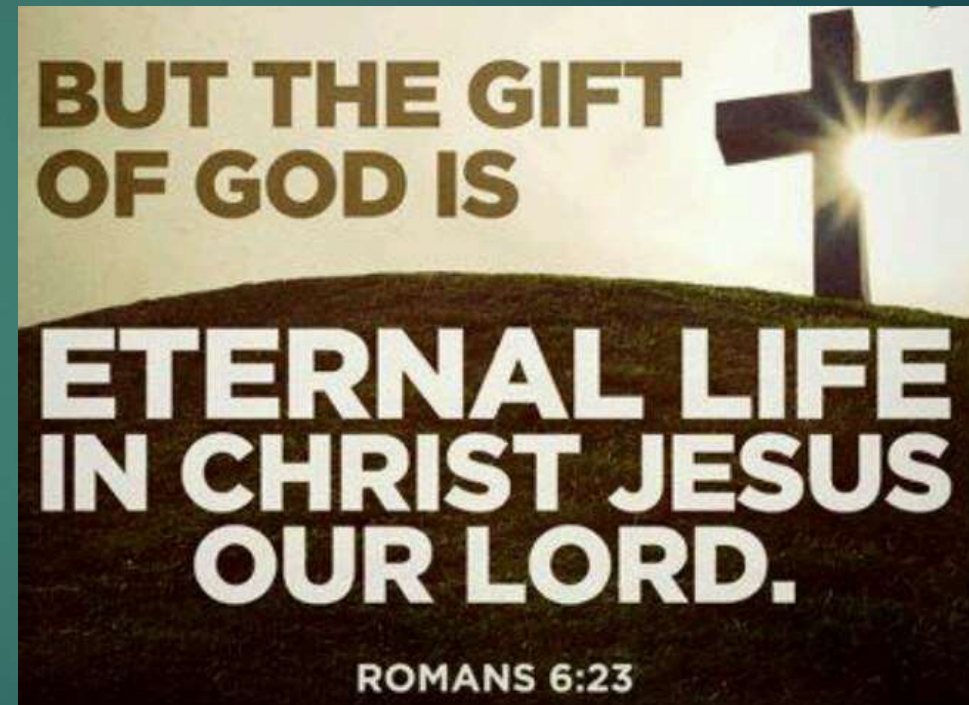
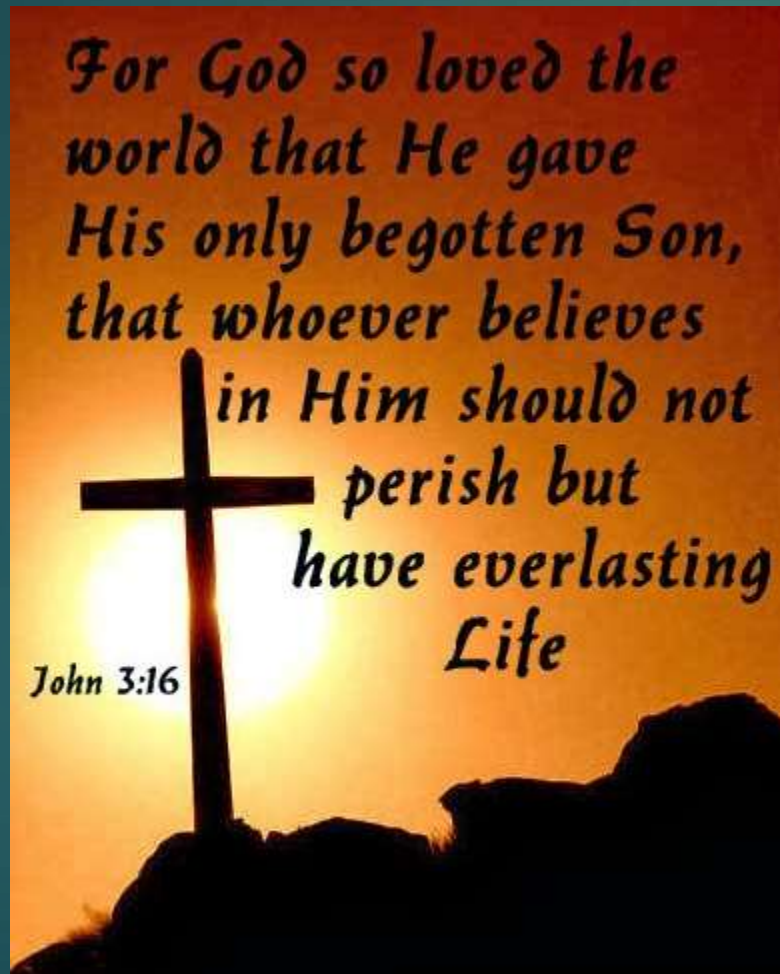
What Does It Mean?

- ▶ Our sins have been **bought** and paid for.
- ▶ We have been **redeemed** from the curse of the law.
- ▶ Our pardon has been **purchased**.
- ▶ Our souls have been **ransomed**.
- ▶ We are FREE from the shackles of sin and death.
- ▶ AND WE HAVE A **RECEIPT** TO PROVE IT!

One Step Further



Salvation is A Free Gift!



Put It All Together

- ▶ Jesus met the terms of the ransom
- ▶ His own life
- ▶ Not just any life!
- ▶ He purchased salvation for us
- ▶ And presents it to us as a FREE GIFT!
- ▶ And then he says:
- ▶ “If anyone questions the gift I am giving you this day....”
- ▶ HERE IS A RECEIPT!



Interesting Thing About a Gift...

▶ You Can't Buy it!



▶ You Can't Earn it!



All You Can Do Is Receive it!

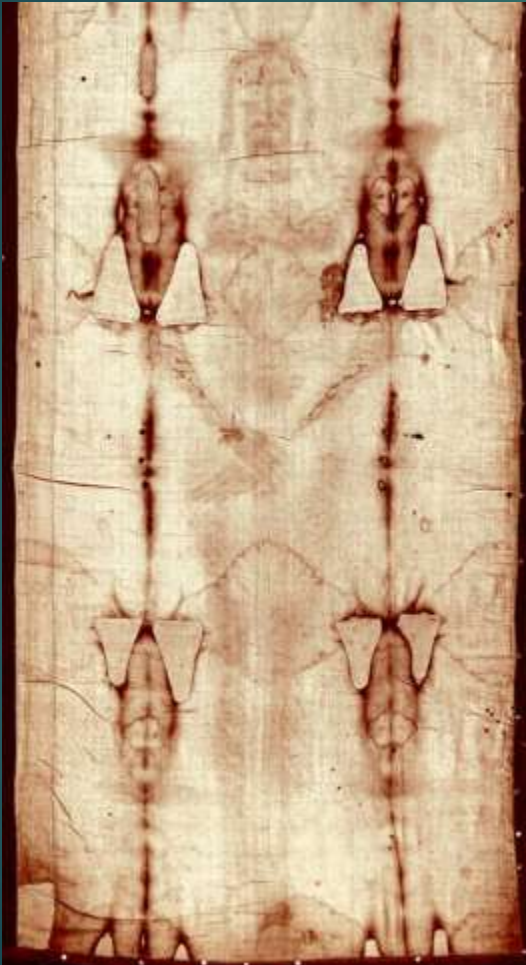


The only logical and rational thing to do is to RECEIVE it!

- ▶ He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world did not know Him.
- ▶ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.
- ▶ **BUT** as many as **RECEIVED** Him, to them He gave the right to become the **SONS** of God, to those who believe in His name. John 1: 10-12



The Shroud is NOT the Gift



- ▶ Jesus is the Gift
- ▶ God the Father is the giver of the gift.
- ▶ The Shroud is merely a receipt that validates a gift was in fact given.
- ▶ No one worships a receipt.
- ▶ We worship the **GIFT** and the **GIVER** of the gift.
- ▶ However, the receipt clearly documents the incredible price that was paid.

A Final Thought

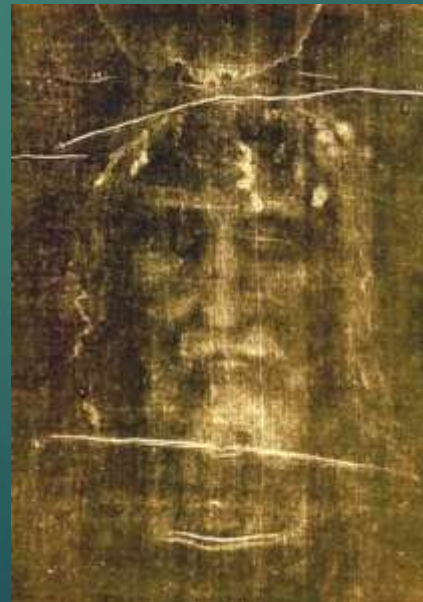
- ▶ If someone bought you the most incredible gift imaginable and also gave you the receipt as validation that it now belongs to you--what would you do with it?



The next exhibition of the Shroud:
April 19-June 24, 2015.

Seven Powerful Theological Proofs

- ▶ It remains a mystery
- ▶ When is a scorch not a scorch?
- ▶ The Witness—there must be three witnesses.
- ▶ Fine linen suitable for a high priest about to enter the Holy of Holies.
- ▶ Power of Transformation!
- ▶ The Face—we are totally accepted in Christ.
- ▶ The Shroud is a RECEIPT—a proof of purchase!





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