

Jesus Is, Therefore!

Acts.1:1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. (ESV)

The people of the world, the heathen masses of every nation and language and color find it intelligently impossible to argue against the historical existence of the man - Jesus of Nazareth. There is just way to much evidence pointing to the fact that the man did exist. Where the argument becomes difficult to sustain is in the fact that He still lives?

Dr. Luke wrote his 1st treatise to explain who the man Jesus was and what He did. His 2nd treatise was to explain the results of Jesus having lived, died and resurrected and how His resurrection (still being alive) changed the fabric of human life. (Acts 1:1-3) How did Jesus Do it? It is truly a God thing.

Jesus gave us hints back in the Gospels. Jesus announced that He was going to build His Church. (Mat.16:18"I will build My assembly (Church)"....) Jesus did not use the word "Kingdom" in this instance because it would create confusion. The reason is that those who are added to the Church are added to the

Kingdom but The Kingdom technically is not the Church. Act 2:47 praising God, and having favor with all the people, and the LORD was adding those being saved every day to the Assembly. LSV (There is a common interchangeable usage between the two terms.)

The Kingdom of God preexists the Church. Those who are added to the Church gain citizenship in the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Light and as such gain entrance into the Kingdom. (Jn.18:36, 3:3,5-8; Col.1:13)

The entrance into the Kingdom is thru the entrance into the Church. The entrance into the Church is thru the process that God's Word shows us. Jesus expressed this when He said "no one comes to the Father except through me!" (Jn.14:6) (Acts 2:38-41,47; 6:7; 8:12; 5:14) The point is this; Jesus established, by His obedience to death, the avenue thru which humanity might gain entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven. (Phil.3:20-21; Eph.2:19 Rev.5:9-10)

God's Word insists that Jesus was resurrected and that He will come again to bring judgment against everyone who rejects His call to enter the Father's Kingdom thru His Church. Jesus is, He exists and since He does exist every warning spoken or written in God's Word will also come to pass. (Mat.25:31-46; 1Cor.15; Acts 10:42-43) Jesus exists; therefore every knee will bow before Him. He comes! (Rm.14:10-12; Rev.1:7)