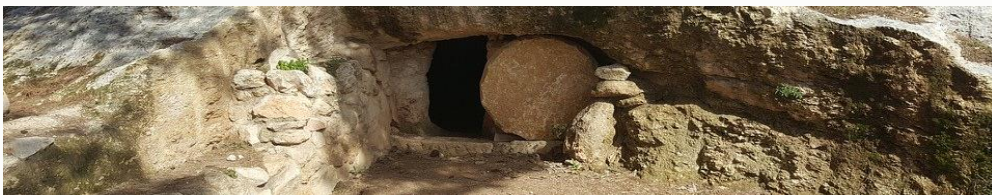


CONSIDERING THE RESURRECTION

Evidence for the resurrection: the change in the disciples

One day Napoleon was master of Europe; a few months later he is captive on a lonely island. Something must have happened in between to bring about such a change in this man. What was it? Answer: the Battle of Waterloo! And in the same way something happened to change the disciples of Jesus Christ from cowards into men *“who turned the world upside down”* (Acts 17:6). Look at them before the resurrection and you will see that they were frightened men; afterwards they are bold as lions in their presentation of Christ to the world. As J.N. Anderson put it: *“What changed Peter from a weakling who denied his Lord because of a servant girl’s questions into a man who could not be silenced by the whole Sanhedrin?”* Answer: The Lord Jesus had risen from the dead, and ***“He was seen by Cephas [Peter], then by the twelve.”*** (1 Corinthians 15:5). This change is evidence in itself for the resurrection.



And it is only underscored when we realise that they faced severe persecution for their witness to the resurrection as well. In fact, nearly all the disciples were martyred for it. And what’s more, none of them went back on their testimony that it was true. That surely says something in favour of it being a fact. And best of all, the risen Lord Jesus is still changing lives today! He can yours.