That It Might Be Well With You – Part I

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INTRODUCTION

- What he claims is that the Roman government invented the story of Jesus because of zealous Jews who were focused on a warrior messiah.
- Here's what I want you to know about his ridiculous claims, and they are absolutely ridiculous.

1 The Bible Story Is Entrenched in History

2 Peter 1:16; 2 Peter 1:21

- The Bible story is clearly and undeniably entrenched in history.
- We did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. But we were eyewitnesses of His Majesty.
- No prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.
- All of this instruction is rooted in very real history. Peter didn't invent this. He's not making it up.

2 No Explaining Christianity Without an Actual Jesus

Matthew 28:3; Matthew 28:15

- Historians will tell you that the first evidence we have of Jesus are the gospels in the New Testament.
- There is no explaining Christianity without an actual Jesus.
- It turns out then that the New Testament documents are indeed the best evidence that Jesus really lived.
- Lies about the truthfulness of history, about God's history, they were being sent out from the very beginning. The disciples stole the body was the claim.

3 We Were Eyewitnesses of His Majesty

Mark 9:3; Luke 9:29

- His garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth could whiten them.
- There appeared with him Moses and Elijah, who appearing in glory were speaking of his exodus or departure, which was about to be accomplished at Jerusalem.
- We were there. I heard a voice from heaven from the majestic glory. And it wasn't just me. James and John were there too.

4 Until the Morning Star Arises in Your Hearts

Isaiah 14; Numbers 24:17; Colossians 1:27

- The prophetic word was made more sure until what? Until the day dawns, and the morning star arises in your hearts. That's the goal of their instruction.
- He is clearly identified at the end of John's message in Revelation as the bright and morning star.
- I see him but not now. I behold him, but not near. A star shall come forth from Jacob.
- The goal of this instruction, this prophetic word made more sure, is that Jesus would become the focus of our hearts and minds.

5 A Lamp Shining in a Dark Place

John 1:4

- You would do well to pay attention. As a lamp shining in a dark place.
- The reason why you need to have Jesus in your hearts, the morning star is because it illuminates your life.
- Your life without Christ is an exceedingly dark place.
- The message of the New Testament is designed to bring you light about your life.

6 That It May Be Well With You

Deuteronomy 5:33; Jeremiah 7:23; Proverbs 10:27

- You shall walk in all the way which the Lord your God has commanded you that you may live, and that it may be well with you.
- It is the first commandment with promise. And what was that? That it may be well with you.
- He that would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking guile.
- The fear of the Lord prolongs life. But the years of the wicked will be shortened.
- Did you notice the things that accompany the righteous? Life, gladness, and they shall never be shaken.

THE CHALLENGE

Won't you allow light to come into your life? May the day star arise in your hearts and let it be a lamp shining in a very dark place.

MY NOTES