

Message In The Shroud

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The natural and the supernatural combined;
Leaving a true relic of Our Lord's promised sign:
Blood-stains and a "photo-negative" in three-D;
Imaged before modern photo-technology.

The evidence is there in the shroud of Turin:
A crucified Saviour bled and died for our sins;
The finest and most unique "photograph" ever___
Could human ability produce this? Never.

A thousand words is suggested by this picture:
A visual validation of the scriptures.

At Cana the finest wine was made from water;
Miracles with power is our Lord's "signature".

Awesome healing power surged at the woman's touch;

God's resurrection power is the same as such.

Unknown disciples deemed the linen shroud precious;

The sign of Jonah recorded--preserved--for us.

As God's omnipotent power caused the great fish,

To release from its belly the wayward prophet;

Who in Nineveh, moved a repentant people,

To history's greatest spiritual revival;

So His mighty power caused the sealed guarded tomb,

To release the One whose mission was seen as doomed.

In the tomb the shroud was found without the body;

The folded head cloth said that this was no rob'ry.

Ensuring Christ's death--the spear thrust was done in vain;

He laid down His life, and He took it up again;

He was raised because of our Justification;

Through faith in Him we are God's Sons by adoption.

God's sinless Son died--we have been redeemed from sin;

Now all those who believe are dead to sin in Him;

Being baptised into the death of Jesus Christ;

We also rise up with Him to newness of life.

The prophecies found in the book of Isaiah,

Is duly fulfilled in the suffering Messiah.

Look, the Living God is the God of Israel;

And the virgin's son, Jesus, is Immanuel.

This same Jesus, within the truth He has spoken;

Testifies that the scriptures cannot be broken.

"Search the scriptures", says He, "because they tell of me";

"The world's only Saviour, Yes, I Am He".

Two thousand years passed without bodily remains,

Being offered to refute the Apostles' claims;

So if any more doubters or scoffers there be;

Empty tomb, picture shroud, is there for all to see.

Some seek after signs, some after the world's
wisdom;

God gave us a visual of the pierced One.

The sheep--with child-like faith--will hear the
Shepherd's voice;

The First-fruits of those who sleep lives! Mankind
rejoice!

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