

of truth and it ~~is~~ invites fair investigation of its claim^s because it can stand ~~th~~ every fair test that is made. Someone has said that the resurrection of Christ is one of the most firmly established facts in the history. I ~~can-~~ think that we can safely say that there is no question of that. No other thing in history has ever had such great results which could not possibly could have occurred without. Here was a little group of ~~-disc-~~ disciples who love their master and thought that he was going to establish the kingdom of righteousness upon the earth, and then their master was seized and taken away and crucified and the disciples fled in misery, and in anguish, and on the road to Emmaus you remember those two who said, "We thought it was he who ~~was-to-redeem~~ would Israel but now they have taken him and slain him. A band of men thus scattered, divided and frusted, and confused because their leader had been taken and killed. And then we find that only a short time later that we find these men starting out to preach all over with absolute confidence that he was raised from the dead. We have seen Him with our own eyes. God has raised Him from the dead, because He is the Lord of glory and has shown that He accepted His death on our behalf. It could never have occurred this change of this great number of disciples. It could never have occurred, and cause such a change in their attitude that they would go out and be read to suffer martyrdom for the fact that they believed ~~0000-it-i-~~ to be true that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Other religions had been spread by the sword. They have been spread by force. They have been spread by compulsion. The Christianity ~~had-too~~ ^{has} sometimes, ^I ~~it-is~~ regret to say, but the start of Christianity has no human force, no human compulsion behind it just a group of poor people convinced that they had seen him actually risen from the dead, that they had seen the ~~te~~ empty tomb. One person might ~~ah~~ have a queer sort of vision or ecstasy or an imagination. But a group like this, of the size of this to have such an experience as pure imaginaty, it is utterly impossible. Paul gives the evidence in I Corinthians 15, and stresses it, he says/ that, in verse 4 of I Cor. 15 that Jesus rose the third day according to the Scripture, and and he was seen of Peter and then of the twelve, and after that he was seen of ^{about} five hundred brethren once