

There again he began preaching. There again he was able to gather a few converts but he found that by this time, the things he had written and distributed when he was there before, the Moslems were writing books to answer, and these books were being distributed there. They were ready for him, but he was able to answer their arguments, and the riots broke out again. This time he barely escaped with his life. He went back to Europe, and then when he was 70 he made his third effort to go to N. Africa and preach the gospel. The third time when he was 70 years of age he went again and began preaching to -- in the public square, presenting Christ. The mobs gathered and finally he was dragged outside the city, and stones were hurled upon him until he lay covered with a heap of stones, and they thought he was dead. Some Christians merchants went to the Moslem leaders and asked permission to take his body and bury it. Permission was given; they came and gathered the stones off of his body and lifted it up and to their surprise they found signs of life. So they carried him on to the boat, but there on the boat after a few days he died.

Raimond Lull a great Christian martyr, a great Christian missionary to the Moslems. Some say he is the greatest who has lived up to this time. Certainly a great pioneer. Certainly the one who laid the foundation upon which missionary --- missionaries to the Moslems in the last century have largely built their work. One of the great scholars, one of the great preachers, one of the great Christians of the world's history. Today his he is hardly known. But he planted in a fit time when the tide was against him. He planted in a time of difficulty. It was 200 yrs. later before God enabled Martin Luther to start his great movement that turned the tide, in Europe. Even then interest in reaching out into heathen lands with the message of Christ was hardly started again for two or three hundred years after Luther. But R. Lull was the man who could say, Woe is me if I preach not the gospel. He was the man who was ready to give years of hard work to preparing himself