

buried in a rich man's tomb after he was crucified. Maybe there is. (student.)

Yes, I would incline myself to think that with the rich in his death was neither humiliation nor exaltation, nor the carrying through of his redemption work, but simply an evidential thing, an inorganic element of prophecy. A fact which is given simply as a way it's going to happen, without being necessarily being important in itself. But it's very important as evidence. It's important as evidence in two ways. Mr. Grauley, do you know of 2 ways?

...his being buried in a rich man's tomb is important as evidence in 2 ways, what are the two ways? ⁽¹⁾ It is a specific O.T. prediction which is literally fulfilled in the N.T. and the fulfillment ~~of~~ in the N.T. of something which has been predicted long before is a very important evidence that this is indeed the one predicted, isn't it? So therefore that is one way in which it is evidence, in which it is important for evidence of the truth of the N.T. saints. One way it's very important is that this specific thing ^{which} was there predicted was fulfilled, the N.T. shows, as predicted. That's one way. ⁽²⁾ Now what is the 2nd way in which the fact that he was buried in the rich man's tomb, the fact that Joseph of Aramathea came and begged the body of Jesus from Pilate that he might bury it, in which this is very important for Christian evidence, Mr. Deshpande? (student. 4)

.. ...basic idea which it seems to me is tremendously important, I never realized the fact ~~from~~ ^{till} our previous meetings, but the more I think of it, the more I think that this phrase, with the rich in his death, is tremendously important, and we find the statement also in 1 Cor. 15, that he was buried according to the Scriptures, and he died according to the scriptures, was buried, and rose again, according to the scriptures, but that fact of his burial, the fact of his being buried in a rich man's tomb, is one of the most important things connected with our whole evidence of Christianity, that is to say, he was crucified with two malefactors, what would naturally be done with a crucified malefactor? He would be thrown into a common grave, he would be, as the O. T. says, buried with the burial of an ass. The body would be thrown into a heap of, into a hole in the ground, in fact the chances are that the ordinary person and perhaps most of the associates of Jesus, if they died at that