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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE BOOK

The introductory section of this book is essentially aimed at highlighting and re-examining a number of discrepancies and inconsistencies typically affecting the Gospel narration about the resurrection of Christ. Therefore, a useful approach to regain the deeper meaning of the above reading is given. Chs. I, II and III respectively offer a detailed description of three pertaining moments of crucial interest, notably body's deposition and burial, sepulcher opened up, angelic epiphany with apparition of the Lord himself. Some concluding remarks are given in Ch. IV, where the reconstruction of authored testimonials are also taken into due account. Last, Ch. V is essentially devoted both to the implications of the above analysis for the Turin Shroud and to stress the important role that the supplementary pieces of funeral fabric, often referred to in the book as "minor cloths" also play. Worthy of mention are some unprecedented Shroud-Scripture connections involving Paul's selected parts and Peter's First Letter.

Overall, the analysis substantially seems to be an exegetic approach applied to John's narration, even though it is supplemented by some foray into other parts of the Scripture. It can safely be said that the ultimate aim of the Author is, on one hand, of shedding more light, for the benefit of believers and unbelievers alike, on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ – a crucial event to be rather regarded as fundamental for the Christian faith and, as such, capable of changing the course of history - and, on the other, of offering substantial arguments to make the reading of the Holy Scriptures, with special reference to the Gospels, an even more carefully considered and documented exercise.

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