

“Could” and “Might” Will Not Dim the Light

Bright and early Monday, February 26, on one of the networks, the headlines boasted that there was earth-shaking news (if true). The “news” was analyzed on the evening investigative-report shows and other outlets. What was the news?— Men, specifically James Cameron and those involved with a documentary film he is producing, are claiming to have found the bones of Jesus.

I say claiming, because, in the midst of all the ballyhoo that Cameron and others are carefully orchestrating, there are words that should make every listener stop and think: “could” and “might.” These words are sprinkled throughout the information that is being distributed so freely. There is no actual proof, and the claims are built on flimsy assumptions. But, in our postmodern culture, assumptions are allowed (by many people) the same weight as evidence that has been gathered and tested over many years.

It is quite interesting to hear some people talking about these things. For example, two morning radio personalities were trying to present the argument in an even-handed way. They quietly observed that such claims, if true would contradict the belief by Christians that Jesus rose from the dead. How quaint: if true, it simply contradicts what some believe. Friend, if it is true, it contradicts everything you have believed and Christianity is a sham (1 Corinthians 15:16-19). Earth-shaking—you better believe it!

Others quietly say that Jesus’ resurrection was a “spiritual resurrection”—i.e., the body was not raised. They seem to have anticipated assertions like Cameron’s, so they did not fully “buy into” the belief of a bodily resurrection, even though that is clearly what the Bible teaches. Matthew 28:6 says “*He is not here, for he is risen, as he said. Come see the place where he lay.*”

Someone uses mass media to shout, “*We found the bones!*” and skeptics fall into line saying, “*See, we told you so!*” No, no, it is not that easy. They must make their case. None of this “could,” “might,” etc., will do. But what do we have?—boxes of bones and assertions. The biblical evidence still stands firm: The apostles saw the empty tomb and Jesus. Jesus was seen by *many* people, even five hundred at once after his resurrection. No one of that time ever came up with a body to contradict the claims. The apostles (with the exception of John) died because of their claims—Men don’t die for what they know to be a lie.

Look behind the headlines—why is this being said? It is not coincidental that a TV show is being promoted—TV shows bring in money. Further, has the word “hoax” crossed your mind?
—**Lance Cordle**

Don’t be gullible. Realize the harsh, bitter consequence if the “news” is true: “If Christ

If in fact it is true, you better stop believing, praying, and worshiping. As Paul said, “And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins.” (1 Corinthians