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## THIS SAME JESUS

Probably no passage of Scripture has been the subject of more discussion and *less* understood, than Acts 1:11. “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking towards the heavens? This Jesus, who is taken up from among you into the heavens, shall so come in the manner in which you saw him go into the heavens.” (Emphatic Diaglott.)

It will not be necessary, for the benefit of those who are in the *light*, in regard to the “Tabernacle and Its Teachings,” to say *very* much upon this subject. Those who understand the *sacrifices*, will certainly not be looking up into the heavens, expecting to see, with their fleshly eyes, Jesus coming in the *flesh*. They have learned that the *eyes*, with which we see in *this* age are the eyes of the understanding—Eph. 1:18; which are certainly the very *best kind* of eyes. And they have learned, also, that even though we *have* known Christ after the *flesh*, yet now we know him so no more. 2 Cor. 5:16. rev. ver. So we see that what is true of the members of his body, is true of him, as the *head*. Having given his (animal) body as a *sacrifice* for us, it *must* be dissolved, and to him was given a *new* body, a house not made with hands, etc.—2 Cor. 5:1.

Having sacrificed his *human* nature, there was given to him a *new* nature—the Divine.

Paul says: But some will say, how are the *dead* raised up? And with what *body* do they come? Oh, senseless man, that which thou sowest is not quickened—made alive—except it die; and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not the *body* that shall be, etc., but God *giveth* it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every *seed* its own body.

The world at large have been sown with the natural *seed*—human nature—and will be raised with the *natural* bodies; while the *new*—divine—nature, becomes a new *seed*, and requires a new body; and God giveth to *every* seed its *own* body, etc., 1 Cor. 15:35,38. Before his crucifixion, Jesus had that treasure—the divine nature in an *earthen* vessel—body—2 Cor. 4:7; in him dwelt all the *fullness* of the divine nature, *in* a body

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—Col. 2:9 (Rotherham); so that new *seed* was sown *in* a natural body (earthen vessel); and raised *in* a *spiritual* body.

It should be noticed that the word *same* is left out of the passage under consideration, by the Em.

Diaglott—it not being in the Greek.

The blinding phrase is, in *like manner*. Let us examine the Greek term, *hon tropon*, rendered *like manner*, in Acts 1:11; giving *all* the passages where it occurs, and putting the English translation in italics; then let those who are so tenacious about the exact manner, be just as tenacious in all the passages where it occurs. Now *as (hon tropon)* James and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these resist the truth. 2 Tim. 3:8. Read Exodus, 7th and 8th chapters in regard to those magicians—Satan’s mediums. Wilt thou kill me, *as (hon tropon)* thou didst the Egyptian yesterday? Acts 7:28.

Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem ... how often would I have gathered thy children together, *even as (hon tropon—like manner)* a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not. Matt. 23:37 and Luke 13:34.

Will anybody claim the *exact* manner in any of the references given, especially the last? Is not the true idea that just as certainly as *one* thing has been done, *another* will be done?

As certainly as a hen gathers her chickens under her *wings*, so Jesus would have gathered Jerusalem’s *children*; but we think no one would insist upon the *exact way*. Jesus said, If I go and prepare a place—official position, by preparing us for it—for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, etc.—John 14:3. All the *Angels* could mean in Acts 1:11 (the only remaining passage where *hon tropon* occurs), is: ye men of Galilee why do you stand looking up into heaven? This Jesus has gone *away* as he *said* he would, and he will as surely come again, as he said he would.

*Really* there is nothing in the passage as to the *manner* of coming, but a positive declaration that he *would* come.

Other Scriptures teach the *manner* and *time*. We have taken heed in our hearts, to the sure word of prophecy; and the eyes of our understanding have been enlightened; because, as we see the “day star”—(phosphorus—*light-bringer*—E.D.) has arisen. 2 Pet. 1:19. It is contrary to the teachings of the types of the *old* and the positive statements of the new Testament, to expect that Jesus will come again in the *flesh*.

The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither *can* he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Cor. 2:14.

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