

## The Lord - The Unknown Warrior



11<sup>th</sup> November 1920: King George V placing a wreath on the coffin of the Unknown Warrior<sup>1</sup>



The Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey<sup>2</sup>

*And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his house*

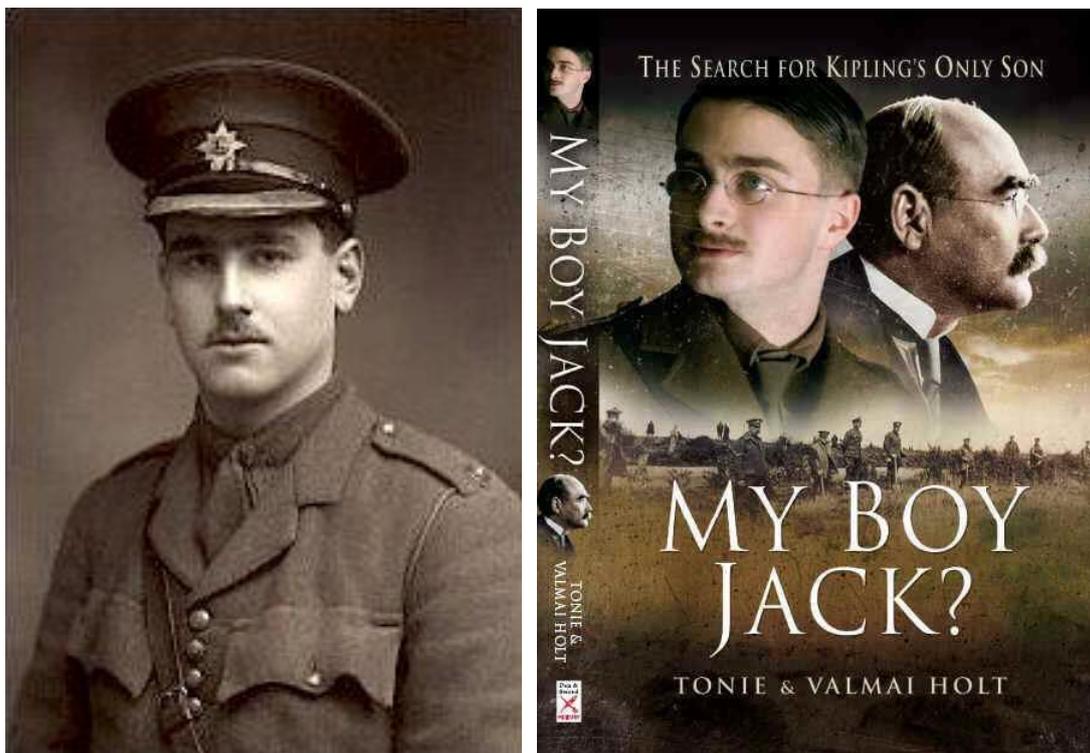
2 Chronicles 24:16



***The Second Battle of Ypres April 24<sup>th</sup> 1915***  
by Richard Jack, Canadian War Museum<sup>3</sup>



**Australians in the trenches at Fromelles July 19<sup>th</sup> 1916<sup>4</sup>**  
**Only three of the men pictured survived the battle; all three were wounded<sup>5</sup>**



Lieutenant John Kipling 1897-1915<sup>6</sup> *Thine only son...whom thou lovest*  
Genesis 22:2<sup>7</sup>

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*2 Chronicles 23:9, 11, 16, 24:2, 14-16*

*23:9. Moreover Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds spears, and bucklers, and shields, that had been king David's, which were in the house of God...*

*23:11. Then they brought out the king's son [Joash], and put upon him the crown, and gave him the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, God save the king...*

*23:16. And Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they should be the LORD'S people...*

*24:2. And Joash [the king] did that which was right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest...*

*24:14. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jehoiada.*

*24:15. But Jehoiada waxed old, and was full of days when he died; an hundred and thirty years old was he when he died.*

*24:16. And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his house.*

## ***Acknowledgement***

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## ***Introduction***

2 Chronicles 23, 24 show that Jehoiada the priest was a great warrior against evil, a leader of warriors and a godly leader.

A nation can owe a lot to its warriors, if they have godly leadership.

It's one Warrior in particular that we'll be looking at and what we all owe Him. Exodus 15:3 says of Him ***The LORD is a man of war*** [a Warrior]: ***the LORD is his name***.

So it may seem strange that I refer to the Lord Jesus Christ as The Unknown Warrior. That is the term used for the unidentified casualty buried in Westminster Abbey, whereas Christians would say that the Lord Jesus Christ is not only identified but well-known.

However, the term The Unknown Warrior does apply to the Lord Jesus Christ as I will explain later.

For now, we should think first about the term Remembrance. When writing to the Philippian Church, Paul said ***I thank my God upon every remembrance of you*** Philippians 1:3.

Remembrance as it applies to our warriors should encourage thankfulness to God, for what was endured on our behalf in the world wars of the last century.

## ***Remembrance***

It is right therefore to remember those like The Unknown Warrior, who was buried in Westminster Abbey on Remembrance Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1920, with full military honours, in the presence of King George V.

I believe further that The Unknown Warrior has a special significance for the child of God, in two respects.

The first of these is the privilege of possessing and reading the scriptures. The second is with respect to the Lord Jesus Christ, as I've indicated.

## ***The Unknown Warrior and The Scripture of Truth*** Daniel 10:21

The Unknown Warrior is closely associated with this Book, the Holy Bible. Portions of five Texts of scripture from this Book are inscribed on the black marble gravestone covering the tomb.

Four New Testament Texts are arranged around the top, base and sides of the gravestone<sup>9</sup>. They are as follows:

John 15:13 *Greater love hath no man than this.*

1 Corinthians 15:22 *In Christ shall all be made alive.*

2 Corinthians 6:9 *Unknown and yet well known, dying and behold we live.*

2 Timothy 2:19 *The Lord knoweth them that are his.*

The fifth Text is from the Old Testament and it is located on the lower face of the gravestone. The words are from 2 Chronicles 24:16, the verse that was read out earlier.

*They buried him...among the kings, because he had done good...toward God, and toward his house.*

It is strange to think of any good that was done in the world wars *toward God, and toward his house* but the inscribed scriptures show that some good was done and you and I are the beneficiaries.

The Allied victories meant that the Holy Bible could continue to be readily obtained, read, studied, memorized, believed and preached in the English-speaking nations. Historian Edmond Paris<sup>10</sup> shows how the Jesuit Order set up the world wars. Paris' work is an impeccable source.

Rome's strategy was *overt*, in WW1 and 2. Vatican victories in either of those conflicts would have spelt the abrupt end of the possession and circulation of any Protestant Bibles, such as Luther's or the Authorized King James.

It should be noted how much the Jesuits<sup>11</sup> hated the 1611 Holy Bible. The following quotation is from an exposé of the Jesuit conspiracy written by The Abbate Leone<sup>12</sup> and published in 1848. This is what the Jesuits had to say about the Authorized King James Bible of 1611.

*Then the Bible, that serpent which with head erect and eyes flashing threatens us with its venom while it trails along the ground, shall be changed into a rod as soon as we are able to seize it [1881, Revised Version, Westcott and Hort, Cambridge University; 1881, 'Originals-onlyism,' Hodge and Warfield, Princeton Theological Seminary, **Traitors, heady, highminded** 2 Timothy 3:4]...for three centuries past this cruel asp has left us no repose. You well know with what folds it entwines us and with what fangs it gnaws us.*

American Baptist Eric Jon Phelps is a long-term researcher of Vatican strategy. His comment on the above Jesuit statement is that *As The Authorized Version is the bulwark for the very Reformation the [Jesuit] Order is oath-bound to destroy it*<sup>13</sup>.

Rome lost WW1, 2. Thank God we still have *the scripture of truth* Daniel 10:21.

**Aside:** Not long ago, a Christian fundamentalist told me that he did not want to get involved in the Bible version debate. Of course, there is no Bible version debate. There's the facts and the falsehoods, *the scripture of truth* Daniel 10:21 and the Catholic satanic counterfeits<sup>14</sup>. I like what Winston Churchill<sup>15</sup> said about the enemy in 1941. It applies in principle to the enemies of this Book *the scripture of truth* Daniel 10:21, whoever they are, whether they be saved or lost.

The Right Honourable  
Sir Winston Churchill  
KG, OM, CH, TD, DL, FRS, RA



*We ask no favours of the enemy. We seek from them no compunction...Where you have been the least resisted there you have been the most brutal...[Note what they did to Sister Riplinger<sup>16</sup>] We will have no truce or parley with you, or the grisly gang who work your wicked will [Bible critics have a Bible verse. Mark 5:9 ...My name is Legion: for we are many]. You do your worst - and we will do our best. Perhaps it may be our turn soon; perhaps it may be our turn now... It is:*

*For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind... Hosea 8:7*



### *The Unknown Warrior and the Lord Jesus Christ*

#### *The Greatest Warrior*

Turning to The Unknown Warrior and the Lord Jesus Christ, it's important to understand that as well as being The Unknown Warrior, the Lord Jesus Christ was and is the greatest Warrior that ever lived. That's quite an achievement because the scripture reveals some great warriors.

As mentioned, 2 Chronicles 23, 24 show that Jehoiada the priest was a great warrior against evil. Joshua, David and David's mighty men were great warriors and others could be cited. The history of warfare reveals many great warriors but I think some of the greatest of them served in WW1.

I draw attention to an incident from April 1915 that shows what great warriors fought in WW1 because in some respects they illustrated how the Lord fought at Calvary. I'm referring to men of the Canadian Army who underwent a great ordeal at that time and helped secure an essential victory.

Extracts from summary reports<sup>17</sup> explain what happened.

*In the first week of April 1915, the Canadian troops were moved...to a bulge in the Allied line in front of the City of Ypres. This was the famed — or notorious — Ypres Salient, where the British and Allied line pushed into the German line in a concave bend. The Germans held the higher ground and were able to fire into the Allied trenches from the north, the south and the east. On the Canadian right were two British divisions, and on their left a French division, the 45th (Algerian)...*

*Across No-Man's-Land, the Germans had achieved a local superiority of seven and a half divisions to the Allied forces' six and were far stronger in artillery support...*

*Here on April 22, the Germans sought to remove the Salient by introducing a new weapon, poison gas. Following an intensive artillery bombardment, they released 160 tons of chlorine gas from cylinders... As thick clouds of yellow-green chlorine drifted over their trenches the French defences crumbled, and the troops, completely bemused by this terrible weapon, died or broke and fled...*

*The fierce battle of St. Julien lay ahead. On April 24, the Germans attacked in an attempt to obliterate the Salient once and for all. Another violent bombardment was followed by another gas attack in the same pattern as before. This time the target was the Canadian line. Here, through terrible fighting, withered with shrapnel and machine-gun fire...violently sick and gasping for air through soaked and muddy handkerchiefs, they held on until reinforcements arrived...*

*So even under the horrible surprise of gas the Canadians in their first major battle held the line against many times their numbers.*

*The Canadians were withdrawn from the battle on May 3, being relieved by the British. Losses had been heavy. Of a maximum divisional strength of 18,000 that had started the battle, 5975 had become casualties, of whom over 1000 were fatal...*

*[Yet] the Canadians to a man seemed obsessed with the idea that this was their particular battle and that they would perish where they stood rather than give way...*

**Aside:** The Canadian military historian Norm Christie<sup>18</sup> has said that in the world wars, Canada was not threatened, the Canadians fought for others. That is like Matthew 27:42 **He saved others; himself he cannot save...**

It is noteworthy that just before WW1 the Canadian Prime Minister said<sup>19</sup> “*When Britain is at war, Canada is at war. There is no distinction.*” The Australian Federal Treasurer<sup>20</sup> said “*If Britain goes to her Armageddon, [Australia] will go with her.*” Never forget that *one* Book, the Book that still governs the English-speaking nations constitutionally<sup>21</sup>, creates and sustains that family unity as Paul states **And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it...** 1 Corinthians 12:26.

Ypres never fell to the Germans.

Three observations can be made about the Canadian resistance at Ypres:

- It was *against many times their numbers*
- It was against *this terrible new weapon, poison gas*
- *[T]hey would perish where they stood rather than give way.*

That was like what happened to the Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary. Note the parallels.

***against many times their numbers***

The Lord fought against *overwhelming numbers* and won. This is one reason why the Lord Jesus Christ is the greatest Warrior that ever lived.

He had ***all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes...and all the council*** against Him Mark 14:53, 55.

He had many that ***bare false witness against him*** Mark 14:56.

He had the king against Him and the king's men of war because ***Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him*** Luke 23:11.

He had the Roman governor against Him because ***Pilate...delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified*** Mark 15:15.

He had ***the soldiers of the governor...the whole band of soldiers*** against him. Of them Matthew states ***they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head...and led him away to crucify him*** Matthew 27:27, 30-31.

In addition, besides the enemies you could have seen, the Lord had ***the princes of this world*** against Him, as Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 2:8. That's the ***principalities...powers...the rulers of the darkness of this world...spiritual wickedness in high places*** Ephesians 6:12 and especially ***the prince of this world*** John 12:31, 14:30. He was the Lord's old adversary from the wilderness battle Matthew 4:1-11.

No other soldier ever had to face all the adversaries at one time that the Lord Jesus Christ did but the Lord trusted in Isaiah 50:7.

***For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.*** And He wasn't.

The Lord won the battle at Calvary as He had won the battle in the wilderness, as Paul said in Colossians 2:15:

***And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it*** [the cross].

They couldn't force Him to quit. They couldn't force Him to call down ***more than twelve legions of angels*** Matthew 26:53 to deliver Him. The Lord went the whole distance until as John says in John 19:30 ***he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.***

That's one reason why the Lord Jesus Christ is the greatest Warrior that ever lived, the superior enemy force He defeated, both natural and supernatural.

***this terrible new weapon***

The Lord had to face *this terrible new weapon* and all His earthly life, He *knew* He had to face it. Along with victory, He saw His suffering and death. This is another reason that He is the greatest Warrior of all time.

The Lord's method of execution that He commanded for Israel was stoning. In Numbers 15:32-36, when a man of Israel broke the Sabbath, ***the LORD commanded Moses...The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.***

But the Romans used *this terrible new weapon* of crucifixion. Death by stoning was brutal but fairly quick. Death by crucifixion was slow, like the worst effects of chlorine gas. Major Matthews<sup>22</sup> was a Canadian officer who experienced the gas attack of April 24<sup>th</sup> 1915. No gas masks were available. All the Canadians had to resist the gas were hastily improvised wet cloths to try to absorb the chlorine.

Major Matthews said this.

*This wall of vapour appeared to me to be at least fifteen feet in height, white on top, the remainder being of a greenish yellow colour...When the fumes were fully on us, breathing became most difficult. It was hard to resist the temptation to tear away the damp rags from our mouths in the struggle for air...I don't suppose the worst of it lasted more than ten minutes but we could not have stood it much longer...The lungs [seemed] to refuse to do their duty...the worst cases...were just as bad twelve hours after and it was very difficult to get them back from the trench, the least exertion bringing on choking fits almost like convulsions.*

Major Matthews was a brave man, hope he's with the Lord now. However as Major Matthews indicated, death by chlorine gas would be slow and painful.

Death by crucifixion was the same.

Mark 15:25-37 record that the Lord and the two thieves hung on their crosses for 6 hours, from ***the third hour...until the ninth hour***. John records that the thieves were still alive after that time interval. That is why ***the soldiers...brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him*** John 19:32.

Clearly other men besides the Lord endured crucifixion but what is remarkable about the Lord's ordeal is that as a man, along with His victory, He saw it ahead of time for the best part of 30 years.

Because He *knew* about the *exact* nature of the fate that awaited Him from the prophecy of Psalm 22, especially Psalm 22:14-15.

***I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels [the term signifies both the upper and lower viscera]. My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.***

That was the Lord's personal account of His death in action ahead of time. He lived with that vision every waking moment of His earthly life for the best part of 30 years until He actually went to Calvary.

As the Lord told His disciples in Matthew 20:18-19 *the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him.*

No soldier lives with that kind of expectation *for that amount of time.*

That's a second reason why the Lord is the greatest Warrior that ever lived, the certain knowledge of the terrible fate that awaited Him, *for almost His entire earthly life.* Yet He set his face like a flint and went on.

***[T]hey would perish where they stood rather than give way***

Then the Lord *would perish rather than give way.* As the Lord Himself declared *Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?* Matthew 26:53-54.

The Lord *would perish rather than give way* so that *the scriptures be fulfilled* to achieve an outstanding victory, the greatest victory of all time.

That's a third reason why the Lord is the greatest Warrior of all time, because the Lord defeated *the last enemy* 1 Corinthians 15:26, namely death.

The Lord died on the cross John 19:30 but death could not *hold* the Lord Jesus Christ because He *did no sin* 1 Peter 2:22 and so *it was not possible that he should be hold-en of it* Acts 2:24 i.e. death.

So Paul could write in Romans 6:9 *Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.*

And death has no dominion over the child of God because as John explains in John 1:12 *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.*

That power is *the power of an endless life* Hebrews 7:16. That is why the Lord said to Martha in John 11:25-26 *I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.* If you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as your sin-bearer and death-conqueror, you too will live forever according to *the power of an endless life.*

So the Lord is the greatest Warrior because He won the greatest victory in that He alone defeated the strongest enemy and enabled *whosoever will* Revelation 22:17 to enjoy that victory as the Lord Himself said in Hebrews 2:13 *Behold I and the children which God hath given me.*

Yet the Lord Jesus Christ is The Unknown Warrior. Why?

***The Unknown Warrior – No Record***

One reason why a warrior may be unknown is that there's no record of his death, or only a partial record.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission oversees over one million war burials from the world wars<sup>23</sup>. Over 200,000 are unknown, well over 10 times the population of Guisborough<sup>24</sup> where this writer lives.

For British and Commonwealth unknown graves of war dead, the inscription on the headstone reads *A Soldier of The Great War, Known Unto God* or *A Soldier of The 1939-1945 War, Known Unto God*. The expression **known unto God** is from the 1611 Authorized King James Bible, Acts 15:18, Philippians 4:6 and the words were chosen by the famous author Rudyard Kipling<sup>25</sup>.

In that way the grave is marked but it's only a partial record. The soldier buried there is unknown, except to God.

You may know that Rudyard Kipling lost his only son, John Lockwood Kipling, in the Great War. John was killed, aged 18, at the battle of Loos in France that was fought during September 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> 1915.

John Kipling was serving as an officer in the Irish Guards and the tragedy was commemorated in the film<sup>26</sup> *My Boy Jack*, where the part of John Kipling was played by Daniel Radcliffe aka Harry Potter. Lieutenant Kipling is one of the more honourable roles that Mr Radcliffe has performed to date.

**Aside:** Sir Michael Redgrave narrated the epic BBC series *The Great War*. Sir Michael<sup>27</sup> said that "*Loos was a dismal region...a shattered mining village...slag heaps, derelict machinery, ruined cottages...Loos, there was something chilling even about the name.*" The ordinary soldier does not choose the battlefield. He simply tries to survive it. Thankfully we have 2 Corinthians 2:14 ***Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.***

Rudyard Kipling travelled 1500 miles visiting war cemeteries in 1920 trying to find his son's grave but he was unsuccessful. All that exists of John Kipling's death is a partial record.

By contrast, you may say that we have a record of the Lord's death because we have the Holy Bible, as I pointed out. Thank God for Bible-based churches and groups and Bible conferences but by and large, the scripture is rejected in this country today, even though it is available.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century the Roman Catholic writer F. W. Faber<sup>28</sup> said this. "*The [English] Protestant Bible...is part of the national mind, and the anchor of national seriousness.*"

It isn't any more. Rev M. J. Roberts<sup>29</sup> was editor of *The Banner of Truth Magazine* and minister of Greyfriars Free Church in Inverness. He said this in December 1994.

*The Bible is a lost book in Britain today.*

Over 20 years later, that is how it is for most folk today ***who go right on their ways*** Proverbs 9:15. Any open-air witness will confirm that.

For most folk, therefore, the Lord is The Unknown Warrior because they've rejected the Holy Bible and there's no other official record of His death. For most folk, the Lord remains unknown.

Anyone who doesn't know about the Lord Jesus Christ through the scripture will most likely never come to know Him personally as the Saviour. That's a tragedy.

### ***The Unknown Warrior – Unrecognizable***

Another reason why a soldier may be unknown is that he may be unrecognizable. After His Calvary sufferings, the Lord was unrecognizable like The Unknown Warrior buried in Westminster Abbey.

Isaiah 52:14 says of the Lord in prophecy that ***As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men.***

Yet Isaiah 53:5 says of the Lord again in prophecy even with respect to the injuries that made Him unrecognisable ***But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.***

Paul says in Romans 5:1 ***Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:***

That is why ***the chastisement of our peace was upon him.*** Your peace with God is ***the wrath of God*** John 3:36 that abode on Jesus Christ that made Him unrecognisable and we should never forget that.

### ***The Unknown Warrior – An Enemy***

A third reason that a soldier may be unknown is that he's an enemy.

Neither side in a war is really interested in who the other side's dead are. They don't bother recording them.

You may know of an investigation to identify by DNA analyses the remains of 250 British and Australian soldiers who were killed in the battle of Fromelles<sup>30</sup> in France on July 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 1916. The Germans buried these men in mass graves that were recently excavated.

The DNA analyses had identified 144 Australians by 2014 but without it all those men would have remained unknown.

The Lord Jesus Christ is unknown personally to most folk because He's an Enemy. If they're faced with Him through ***the gospel of Christ*** Romans 1:16, usually they don't want to know Him.

John 3:19, 20 explain why.

***And this is the condemnation, that light [the Lord Jesus Christ] is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.***

In other words, the Lord can pass perfect and precise judgement on your personal life regardless of your opinion on the matter one way or the other. That's why He's hated. That's why the world doesn't want to know Him. A man has to say with the Psalmist in Psalm 73:22 ***So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before thee*** in order to come to know Jesus Christ. That's hard, especially for ***all the proud men*** Jeremiah 43:2, which is most of them.

It can be done, of course and that's not hard to prove.

Remember that every Christian believer was once one of those *that...hateth the light* as Paul describes in Philippians 3:18 *the enemies of the cross of Christ* and of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

It is God's mercy that overcomes the enmity.

As Paul says in Titus 3:3-6 *For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;*

That is also *the gospel of Christ* Romans 1:16. Salvation by the grace and mercy of God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ brings with it reconciliation as Paul says in Romans 5:10 *For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.*

Reconciliation is the bringing together of two parties, God and man that had been at enmity. That is what the Lord achieved at Calvary. Note especially therefore that phrase *we shall be saved by his life*. That is our final point, because reconciliation is about life, not death.

### **Conclusion – The Empty Tomb**

The Lord Jesus Christ differs from The Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey in at least one vital respect. The Lord's tomb is empty<sup>31</sup>. As the angel said to the women *upon the first day of the week* Luke 24:1, *Why seek ye the living among the dead. He is not here, but is risen* Luke 24:5, 6.

Many years later, the Lord Himself said in Revelation 1:18 *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen;*

You too can be *alive for evermore, Amen*; you too can have an empty tomb or indeed no tomb if you're alive when the Lord comes back because you can have *the power of an endless life* Hebrews 7:16. John 1:12 is still on offer.

If you have accepted the Lord's offer of *an endless life*, then you're no longer *far off* but you're *made nigh by the blood of Christ* with the Lord *by the cross having slain the enmity thereby* between the Lord and yourself so that you are now *accepted in the beloved* Ephesians 1:6, 2:13, 16.

It has been said<sup>32</sup> that the loneliest people in the world are senior secondary school girls. That is an amazing statement considering how much in the way of friends, fun and excitement these girls are supposed to have but maybe that doesn't match how you are on the inside. It doesn't have to be that way. You can be *accepted in the beloved*, you can be *in Christ...a new creature* 2 Corinthians 5:17 and you can say with Paul *Christ liveth in me* Galatians 2:20.

Remember though that if you are already *in Christ* and know Him personally, then by searching the scriptures you will come to know Him further.

Rudyard Kipling spent a year searching for his son John after WW1 and travelled 1500 miles but never found him. Yet the Lord said in Jeremiah 29:13 *Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.* The Lord Jesus Christ explained that statement in John 5:39 *Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.* That's a command, by the way, *Search the scriptures.*

Obedience to that command so that you can know the Lord further makes the Lord's great victory at Calvary even greater.

That fact too should always be part of our remembrance. Amen.

Finally, to other Bible believers who have been an encouragement to this writer, I am reminded of the book *Band of Brothers* by Stephen E. Ambrose about American paratroopers in Europe in WW2. One part of the book refers to Sergeant Mike Ranney<sup>33</sup>, who said this. *"I cherish the memories of a question my grandson asked me the other day when he said, 'Grandpa, were you a hero in the war?' Grandpa said 'No...but I served in a company of heroes'."* Thank you for your company. It means a lot.

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