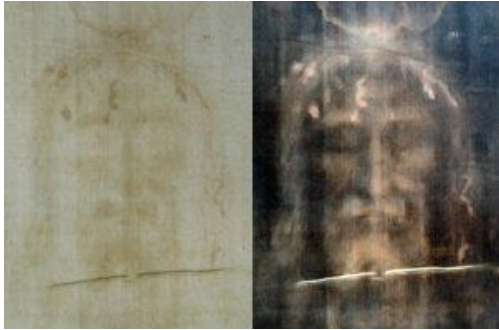


The Shroud as the Burial Cloth of Jesus?
Dr. John Johnson speaking at the AFSC meeting
at Atonement Free Lutheran Church
6905 172nd St NE, Arlington, WA
Friday October 28 at 7:00 PM

The **Shroud of Turin** has been claimed to be the burial cloth of Jesus Christ since at least the 14th Century. **Dr. Johnson** has studied it as an archaeological item for over 30 years. Few people took it seriously until the intensive scientific investigations in the 20th century showed it was



like a photographic negative not created by painting or scorching, linen that could be first Century mid-east weave, had pollen traced to the Mideast, remarkably similar to paintings of Jesus back to the 5th Century, but not before. Moreover, the image and blood stains closely

correspond to Jewish First Century burial practices, as well as Roman flagellation and crucifixion techniques probably not known to a 14th Century forger.

However, in 1988, all this compelling evidence for its being genuine was seemingly trumped by Radiocarbon tests that allegedly “proved” that it was made of cloth woven between AD 1260 and 1390. Besides the dating controversy, we will discuss seeming discrepancies with the Bible, which have caused most protestant Bible scholars to ignore it: It is a graven image; it is just another dubious Catholic relic; the gospels state that Jesus was tied (wrapped?) with linen strips.

Dr. Johnson's talk gives a history of the evidence, pro and con, the shroud was considered to be Jesus’ burial cloth. However, valid or not, we remember **our faith is based on Jesus Christ, not on a relic.**

Dr. John Johnson has a PhD in Applied Math from the University of California at Berkeley. He retired from Boeing after 31 years, mostly in Aerospace. He has studied and taught Bible archaeology since he was a



Biblical Christian in 1980. He has argued for Creation in five college debates, and did a radio debate defending Bible accuracy against prominent skeptic J Ferrell Till. He has long been the President of the Creation Association of Puget Sound (CAPS). He has taught a University of Washington Osher course on math applications in the arts, part of which

analyzed historical objects of dubious provenance to establish probability of either a fake or authentic. But sometimes the expert decision has flipped with more careful analysis.

Refreshments plus Books, DVDs and Pamphlets at the resource tables afterwards.

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