

QUESTION

And what do you make of Paul's statement that he didn't get the good news (= the resurrection and thus the triumph over death) from other humans but from the 'risen Christ' himself? If he persecuted the Christians because of a resurrection belief then he would have heard about it before, from other humans, no?

RESPONSE

Ah! This takes me to the issue that I was planning on posting about today anyway. Several people in their comments have pointed out that if Paul claims to have "received" the teachings about Jesus' death and resurrection from others (1 Cor. 15:3), then it is hard to make sense of what he says in Galatians 1, that he received his "gospel" directly from Jesus himself. How could Paul have it both ways?

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