

## § IV. DOCTRINE OF CHRIST

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    - (c) Plank Three – The Divine Aspects of Jesus Were Subconscious
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    - (a) Christus Victor / Ransom Theory
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    - (c) Moral Influence Theory
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    - (e) Existential Theory
  - 4. Assessment of the Theories of Atonement
- D. The Work of Christ – His Resurrection

1. Scriptural Data
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  - (a) Literal Interpretation
  - (b) Conspiracy Theory
  - (c) Apparent Death Theory
  - (d) Mythology Theory
  - (e) Subjective Vision Theory
  - (f) Objective Vision Theory
  - (g) Interpretation Theory
3. Assessing the Different Theories
  - (a) Conspiracy Theory
  - (b) Apparent Death Theory
  - (c) Mythology Theory
  - (d) Subjective Vision Theory
  - (e) Objective Vision Theory
  - (f) Interpretation Theory
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  - (a) Fact #1: The Burial of Jesus
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  - (d) Fact #4: The Disciples' Belief in the Resurrection
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    - (2) Explanatory Power
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(6) Outstrips Rival Hypotheses

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