

Dear Rex,

A message for *Shroud News* No. 100.

Numbers and dates have always played a role in the Divine plan, and in the human plan, for celebration, for commemoration, for when the appropriate time comes.

During the critical period for the Holy Shroud, from after the scientific examinations of 1978 to date, *Shroud News* has kept people informed about what is really going on behind the unbalanced and ill-informed headlines, and said and printed what few others would in the search for the truth.

The series 1 to 100+ of *Shroud News* will be an important archive of information and documentation, which will be constantly referred to by researchers, historians and seekers after the mystery not made by the science of man.

Your reporting in *Shroud News* records how the detractors have come and gone with their theories, ranging from the imbecilic to the incredible, as the incompetent accelerator mass spectrometry scientists (technologists) cling to their self-delusion (tranquillized by Ian Wilson's opportunistic sycophancy) in the face of the evidence. It remains to be seen who will be the first to publicly recant and apologise for their culpable ignorance.

In the meantime you continue with your work, which cannot be without significance in the history of the Shroud and of the Church, with the imminence of the revelations of 1998.

For this we all thank you, and for your tireless and devoted service, the fruit of which you have shared with others. I congratulate you and I hope you know without doubt that you are appreciated, and I look forward to all your writings and researches to come, not least on the Roman catacomb painting of Christ.

Canterbury, The Lord's Day  
Eve of John Chrysostom  
26 January 1997

Signed  
Ian Dickinson