

RECENTLY PUBLISHED

Jesus Again?

The December 1982 issue of HISTORIA (Librairie Taillandier, Paris) was entitled "Jésus du nouveau?" (Jesus again?). In this special number, all 44 articles, by prominent French writers, examine some aspect of the Galilean and his times. Three leading sindonologists contributed. In "Du nouveau pour le Suaire de Turin; une lettre de l'empereur Alexis V", **Antoine Legrand** announces the recent discovery of a letter reputedly from Murzuphle after his flight from Constantinople in April, 1204. We share Prof. Legrand's regret that he was unable to give us a translation of the text; in a few words we are told only that Alexis V complains that, during the sack of the city, "his" Holy Shroud had been stolen and he names the culprit—Othon de la Roche!. Considering that the usurper fled before the sack began, and in the light of the documents listed by Mons. Savio (see SPECTRUM #5, Dec. 1982) one might well await judgment on this letter until further information is provided.

The Rev. **André Feuillet** exposes his interpretation of the Gospel of John in "Le Linceul de Turin pour une meilleure intelligence de l'Evangile de Jean". An abbreviated account of Fr. Feuillet's report to the II International Congress of 1978 (translated, his report appeared in SPECTRUM #4, Sept. 1982), this article also brings out new arguments for accepting the literal truth of John's Gospel and the accuracy with which the Evangelist describes those events of which he was a witness.

The Abbot **René Laurentin**, whose contributions to sindonology are well known, this time writes a penetrating essay on the Mystery of the Child Jesus.

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McCrone Again?

The indefatigable Rev. Paul de Gail, S.J., has initiated still another periodical, this one entitled *Cahiers du Linceul du Christ* (Notebooks on the Shroud of Christ), destined for a public already informed in sindonology. The announced purpose of this proposed series is to combat specific errors about the Shroud.

The first Cahier, dated Feb. 1983, in 21 pages of text and 3 of illustrations, is an answer to Dr. Walter McCrone.

Readers of Fr. de Gail know his amazing style. Scientific data march hand-in-hand with Scriptural quotations, in fraternal peace as creatures of the One God; the ardent undercurrent of a very deep devotion

sweeps the coldest analytical argument safely to port; and methodical logic is often punctuated with that biting wit of which the French are unchallenged masters.

As usual *chez Père de Gail*, this new series promises to be forceful and energetic, and yet leaving a reader pensive and sometimes perhaps disturbed, but always with new insights into the inexhaustible treasures of the Shroud.

The Cahier series is published by "Amis de la Sainte-Face", 7 rue de Gramont, 60200 Compiègne, France.

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