

THE NAZARENE MESSENGER.

"A ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes."

"Behold I send my messenger before thy face."

"Ye seek Jesus the Nazarene, he is risen." This same Jesus "shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

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Our Faith.

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The question is often asked of us, "What is your faith; what do you believe? but unfortunately it often happens that the same persons answer, for themselves often in the following manner. You do not believe in the Bible, or if you do, you throw aside as spurious anything that upsets your pet theory. You don't believe in God, You hold views respecting Christ that nullifies his all atoning sacrifice; in fact you are worse than the Atheists, they are honest enough to deny the Bible altogether and give up the idea of any hope for the future." These and such like expressions are handed from one to another, from friend to friend, but not one in a hundred ever think of investigating their truth, and so we are judged on hearsay and condemned on mere rumor.

It is very necessary then, not only on our own account, but also for the benefit of the few who are ready to act

like the Bereans of old that we should frankly state what we really do believe on the many important questions where rumor says we have gone astray. In doing this we ask one thing; we ask to be believed when we state what we believe to be the truth as revealed by Moses, the prophets, the Lord Jesus Christ and His apostles. We ask, then, of all candid persons a fair hearing before we are condemned. "He that judgeth a matter before he heareth it, is not wise." We have nothing to gain by declaring our faith.

If we wanted sympathy, kindness and friends, we could easily win them all by giving up our unpopular opinions and uniting ourselves to one of the Orthodox churches of Christendom, but we prefer to act the part of "Antipas," rather than deny what we believe to be the truth. Charity to men often means treachery to Christ; to a faithful disciple a little with Christ is better than all the world without Him. The servant must not expect better treatment than his master, the disciple than