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A THING INCREDIBLE

Why should any of you consider it incredible that God raises the dead? (Acts 26: 8).

The Apostle Paul poses the challenging question. In chains for two years while the vindictive Jews parley with Felix, the obnoxious Procurator of Judaea, to have the troublesome preacher sentenced to death, Paul is brought in AD 60 before the new Procurator, Porcius Festus, reputed to have been just in his administration of the province. But Festus has some difficulty in understanding what charges are being levied against the prisoner. Unfamiliar with Jewish religious laws and traditions, he feels that while the dispute about a man called Jesus who had been put to death, but was alive again, seems ludicrous, the preaching of such a belief does not appear to be an offence worthy of death.

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CHRISTIANITY IN ANCIENT BRITAIN (Part 2)

Part 1 appeared in the Newsletter of Mid-February 2010, and can be found [here](#)

Saint Patrick's Mission

Two letters of Patrick pre-date the Anglo-Saxon invasion of Britain by ten or twenty years. Pirates raiding the British coast took the teenage Patrick captive to Ireland. He served there as a herdsman for six years before escaping abroad. While enduring the hardships of captivity Patrick was reminded of the waywardness of his boyhood and in sorrow he turned to God for help:

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IN THE REAR-VIEW MIRROR

Manchester Evening News, June 6, 1967

'Kuwait, Iraq, and Algeria, which supply nearly 30 per cent of Britain's oil, today cut off supplies to the West. At the same time Egypt closed the Suez Canal, through which much of Britain's oil is shipped from the Persian Gulf. These moves are reprisals for the alleged intervention of British and American planes in the Israeli war. Both Britain and the US categorically denied that their planes had joined in the fighting.

'Agitation for more action to stop the flow of Arab oil to the West reached fever pitch today. In Cairo the International Confederation of Arab Trade Unions called on Arabs to blow up oil installations and pipelines "in any country that hesitates in halting oil pumping to the US and Britain", and the powerful Cairo radio called on Arabs everywhere to sabotage and destroy British and American interests. . . . British and US consulates in Alexandria were attacked by howling mobs today. By the time troops restored order, the two consulates and the American Jefferson Library were ablaze. . . . In Cairo demonstrators shouted, "Down with [President] Johnson, Down with [Prime Minister] Wilson", outside the US Embassy, but they were quickly dispersed by armed police.'

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