

The life of our Lord lies mirrored in the Gospels as the glory of the morning in the summer valley—sweet, beautiful, resplendent! What a rich, inexhaustible study—the life of Jesus the Christ. A life so wonderful, so calm and holy, so sweet and pure and unselfish; a life so perfectly natural, and yet so far above nature! Some men object to miracles and yet they have in Him whom they profess to believe the great miracle of the ages—nothing less than God manifest in the flesh!

In universal history Jesus stands alone. We have only one Christ. We have had many philosophers, many poets, heroes and soldiers in every age. We have had men of genius in all departments of knowledge. Every man on earth has had many compeers. Christ alone is unique, solitary, unapproachable. And we ask why is this? If one Christ did so much good, why did not a kind Creator give us many Christs? Christs in every age and among every nation? But he has given us only one. Why? Because in giving us one he has given us all—"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." Jesus Christ is the manifestation of the Divine in the sphere of the human; and in His sinless perfection and glory is without a rival. He still stands out over the ages in solitary and unapproachable grandeur—the fulness of the Godhead bodily. He is the Divine mystery for the ages; the world's imperishable wonder, and man's everlasting problem. And the nearer men come to the historical Christ, the more of God they see. It is when we stand on the sunlit mountain top of His Divine glory that we see God face to face. In His every utterance the truth of God lies mirrored, and His acts bear the stamp of eternity. His very enemies fall in admiration at His feet as the soldiers did who came to take Him in the garden. There is nothing of themselves in what the evangelists record; they simply delineate what they saw and heard, and hence the life-like reality of the Gospel story, and a character is portrayed such as the world had never seen or conceived of before.

The essence of the Christian religion lies in the *Person* of Christ, and not as is sometimes supposed in certain mysterious doctrines supported by miracles as their fitting evidence. All the doctrines, promises and hopes of the Gospel spring out of, and cluster around Him who was the son of Mary, and at the same time declared to be the Son of God with power. Happily the tendency of thought in