

heart and without the asking brought to it comfort and consolation.

Thus, too, was it with Mary and Martha at the death of Lazarus. He wept with these two sisters over their dead brother and for their consolation restored him to life and health. How lovable, too, His condescension to the centurion whose servant He healed at the prayer of faith ! Add to this His wonderful kindness, sympathy and help to all kinds of suffering, the healing of the lepers, the blind, the paralytic, the deaf and dumb, the infirm.

More wonderful and lovable is He in His mercy to sinners, to Mary Magdalene, the Samaritan woman, the woman taken in adultery, to Peter, to the good thief on the cross. Acts that are unselfish, generous, courageous, win our hearts. How, then, ought we to love our Lord, who loved us independently of any reason on our part ! How good He is, how sweet and amiable, how sympathetic !

Our Lord was most lovable in His dealing with His Apostles. We extol the great man who is kind to his inferiors. What must be our appreciation of our Lord for associating familiarly with His Apostles ! Our Lord was infinite in intelligence, refinement, culture. His Apostles were untrained fishermen ; yet He calls them His friends, makes them His companions, exchanges with them His ideas, listens to them not only with condescension and patience, but makes them enter into His life, and He enters into theirs. We, too, with all our poverty of spirituality, our lack of every virtue, we are able to be His friends. Is there anything greater than the great God who made Heaven and earth ? He is my Friend and I can give Him the love of my heart, and He is pleased to receive it.

Our Lord was lovable in His dealings with the world. He did everything that could be done for man. He omitted nothing, He blessed the little children. He consoled the weeping women of Jerusalem. He loved the world and received little in return but ingratitude. We ought to do for our Lord, if we love Him, what others neglected to do. We ought to make up for their omission. To His persecutors our Lord was lovable.