

s — (Book 18, chapter 3) — “that Jesus was a wise man, if it be lawful to call Him a man, for He did wonderful works; He taught men to receive the truth with pleasure; He drew over to Him many of the Jews. He was Christ, and Pilate condemned Him to the cross on the 3rd April.\* Those that loved Him did not forsake Him, for He appeared to them alive again the third day, April 5th, as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning Him.”

You, yourselves, are a text to us. It is not an inspired man that you expect. It is God himself; and because Christ did not come with pomp and great glory, you cannot believe Him to be the Messiah. He often appeared to your fathers. They did not doubt that it was He, and their faith was much stronger than ours, for they believed in what had not then happened. We find it hard to believe what has come to pass.

The fearful destruction of your temple, city, and commonwealth by the Romans, which Christ foretold you forty years before it took place (Luke 21, 20); your being scattered about upon the earth and remaining as you are to this day, as prophesied by Hosea in his 3rd chapter, without a king, without a high priest, and without a temple; without a sacrifice, for you have had none since Christ came,—are living monuments and witnesses to the truth of these prophecies. Then see, for three hundred years after Christ's ascension, the Holy Spirit gave the Apostles power to preach the Gospel to all nations in their own language, and to work miracles. These days are passed, but Christ still assists the humble Christian in his efforts to be good; and no matter how often he fails, if he only turns to Him in true penitence and prayer, “He is able and willing to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them” (Hebrews 7, 25).

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\*The writer of these pages was born on the 3rd of April.