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A sermon preached before the "Pleasant Sunday Afternoon" (Working Men's Association), in Fraternity Hall, Point St. Charles, on Sunday afternoon, the 17th after Trinity.

When the Son of God came preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom He found the men of the time pursuing aims and actuated by motives essentially selfish and carnal. The remnant otherwise minded was exceeding small. Even the chosen people were so infected by the worldly spirit that, as a nation, they not only failed to recognize the Lord Jesus as their promised Messiah but actually put Him to death: "He came to His own and His own received Him not." The national aim was perverted. For many a long and weary century the Jewish people had looked for Messiah,—looked with eager and passionate longing, but not for such a Messiah as He, the Son of God, professed to be. Their hopes stretched forward to one who should break the Roman yoke and, in some sense, make the Hebrew race the masters of the world. Such was the goal toward which their eyes were turned,—not to personal and national purity, and universal love, and the Kingdom of God.

Such being the condition at the very heart and conscience of humanity, judge for yourselves what the aim must have been of the

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