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*"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning."—Psalm 137, 4, 5.*

### "What think ye of Christ? whose son is He?"

Mathew XXII, 42.

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Of all questions, this one concerning Christ is the most important; for eternal interests centre in and depend upon this inquiry. It has not only been the subject of fondest meditation among the members of the Christian Church in all ages; but has forced attention on the part of those who were arranged against the Lord Jesus, and denounced the work which He accomplished as the product of man's invention or credulity.

No other question has been more eagerly and repeatedly discussed both in and out of the Christian Church; and nothing shows more sadly and strongly the obduracy and apostasy of the human heart, than the opposition and rage manifested against the Lord Jesus when present in the world in human form—and against His person and work since His ascension to the Father's right hand.

How insignificant the character and life of the most profound thinkers, distinguished statesmen, and warriors, com-

pared with the person and work of the Lord Jesus.

With the roll of ages this influence expands and followers augment, whilst the power and renown of earth's mightiest sons grow less with the lapse of time, and are one day doomed to oblivion.

It matters little what our opinion is of those men who occupy a prominent place in the pages of history. The view we entertain of them does not necessarily influence our present peace and future hope.

It is different with our opinion of, relation to, and faith in, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Not only our happiness and peace in this life, but our everlasting well-being depend upon having Him as our Saviour from the guilt and power of sin.

Although man's present peace and future blessedness centre in and around the person and work of the crucified and risen Redeemer, how diverse the opinions that have been entertained of Him.

"When He came unto His own, His own received Him not." The world which was made by His own hands knew Him not. Some said he was John the Baptist risen from the dead, or Elias; others that He was a prophet. The Scribes and Pharisees through en