

But this view of the matter suggests two other and very important questions—Have we a record of what Jesus said on this vital point concerning His Being?, and, Have we sufficient grounds for believing that the record is a *reliable* statement of what He said?

With regard to the first of these questions, we claim to possess a record of a great number of the statements made by our Lord Jesus Christ; and among them many—far more than is commonly realized—which deal with the question of His own Being and position.

I have carefully gathered and systematized these particular statements of Him, in order that it may be seen at a glance how great they are. They appear in the following pages. They have been collected from the four Gospels; which books were written by men whose opportunities of knowing what the Master actually said must have been far greater than those of others who lived at later periods. The Christian Church has always regarded these Gospels as being the most precious and most authoritative part of the Holy Scriptures, because she has viewed them as containing a truthful representation of what Jesus actually taught. For