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### CITIES AND THEIR EVANGELIZATION.

**I**N the ministry of our Lord the thoughtful student cannot fail to see that one striking peculiarity of His method of evangelizing was to work especially in the centres of population. Capernaum, that great northern commercial metropolis, saw most of His miracles in Galilee, and of the importance He attached to Jerusalem, the religious metropolis in the south, there can be no doubt. Matthew tells, in ix, 35, that "Jesus went about all the *cities* and *villages* teaching in their synagogues," and again, xi. 1, "When Jesus had made an end of commanding His twelve disciples He departed thence to teach and to preach in their *cities*." Then in the conversation with the disciples after His resurrection He lays it down as one of the regulating principles of their ministry that they are to begin at Jerusalem (Luke xxiv. 47), and if we study the apostolic evangelization we see that this principle was carefully observed. They sought to capture the cities for Christ. Jerusalem, Samaria, Antioch, Ephesus and the other cities of Asia Minor; Philippi, Thessalonica and Corinth in Greece, and even great and mighty Rome, were the very centres of earnest and continued preaching. This method and this principle demand our serious attention, and I will endeavor to show *why* we ought to follow Christ's method and act according to the principle He lays down. Let us consider, therefore,