

Was there ever a love like this—this passion of desire, this ecstasy of devotion? And its object is Jesus—the Evangelic Jesus, for He is the only Jesus whom we

Conclusion.

know. See, then, what follows. The Evangelic Jesus cannot be a mere ideal; for an ideal cannot enkindle love. He is a historic person, and He lived among men as the Evangelists have portrayed Him. But He is more than that. It is impossible to love one who is remote from us, and has never been in present and personal contact with us; and therefore Jesus is more than a historic person who dwelt in Palestine long ago. He is the Living Lord, the Eternal Saviour, who was manifested, according to the Scriptures, in the days of His flesh and still, according to His promise, visits the souls that put their trust in Him and makes His abode with them.

Here lies the supreme and incontrovertible evidence of the historicity of the Gospels. The final decision rests not with the critics but with the saints; and their verdict is unanimous and unfaltering. They know the Divine Original, and they attest the faithfulness of the portrait.

The final
verdict of
the saints