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## DIALOGUE BETWEEN TWO JEWS.

*Hanani.* Have you heard of the extraordinary person who has lately appeared in Judea?

*Ithiel.* Do you mean the carpenter's son at Nazareth?

*Hanani.* The same. Joshua, or, as the Hellenists style him, Jesus is his name.

*Ithiel.* Very strange things are reported of him, and I do not wonder at it, for I have seen him, and he is in truth, a very singular character.

*Hanani.* Where did you see him?

*Ithiel.* Our brother, Simeon the Pharisee, invited him one day to his house; and as public curiosity had been considerably excited by him, several of us were invited to partake of a repast along with him, that we might be gratified by observing his behaviour at a private entertainment.

*Hanani.* And how did he behave?

*Ithiel.* With an admirable mixture of dignified reserve and engaging affability—I never before saw so much mildness and so much majesty fitly blended. There was no constraint in his manner—his discourse seemed to be no way studied, but to arise merely out of the occasion, and he uttered it with an air, that rather enticed, than forced attention. In short, if you would not suspect me of being too partial to him, I would say, that there was something altogether superhuman in his appearance and behaviour.

*Hanani.* How has a man of his mean birth arrived at such accomplishments?

*Ithiel.* I cannot tell: his manners far exceed his station.

*Hanani.* I wish I had been present.