

But further, if they are not heard, Christ declared His resurrection has no force to persuade : " If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." But all this was a blunder. There was no real power in Moses and the prophets. Christ made a mistake. Whatever His resurrection might do, Moses' writings were a forgery and had no authority whatever ; so that there was no adequate ground to be persuaded by the resurrection itself. This was all Christ's solemn attestation was worth. Yet here the Lord was taking them out of the whole system of Jewish legalism. The event proved the truth of His words. They did not believe though one rose from the dead ; but then, it was a mistake of the Lord from that to blame them for not receiving the testimony of Moses and the prophets, for they were of no value at all. It was not Moses at all.

So, when He said, " Search [or, ye search] the Scriptures . . . they are they which testify of Me "—the business, He declares, of the Scripture was to testify of Him, Jesus, as the Christ. On whose part ? Was it God's testimony, or the wild notions, previsions, or interpretations of fanatics that Christ appealed to ? What was the person testified to, or who appealed to their worth if they were ? But if of God, " The Scriptures " are so. We all know what that meant in a Jew's mouth.

Again in Luke xxiv., " and beginning at Moses