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“I am the light of the world.”

“Preach the Gospel to every creature.”—JESUS.

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## THE CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST.

That Christ was crucified is a fact—a well attested fact. Indeed no fact can be better attested. Though many who were Christ's contemporaries wrote and especially preached concerning him, his work on earth, and his death on the Cross, none of their opponents, (and they had many) ever attempted to deny the facts of which they testified. The same remark may be made with respect to those who, in the immediately succeeding age, vindicated the Saviour's cause, and preached his gospel. Just as the Jewish Sanhedrim could not deny that “a notable miracle” was wrought on the lame man, who used to sit at the gate of the temple called Beautiful, asking alms, so not the bitterest of Christ's enemies, could deny that he lived, wrought miracles and died on the Cross. The supposition that Christianity is a cunningly devised fable is the most untenable of all suppositions. When men originate impostures they have, and must have, some selfish ends in view. But it is impossible to conceive of any tempo al advantage which the first preachers of Christianity gained or could expect to gain, from preaching the crucifixion of Christ. They must have known that what they preached would be “a stumbling-block” to the Jew, and would appear “foolish-