

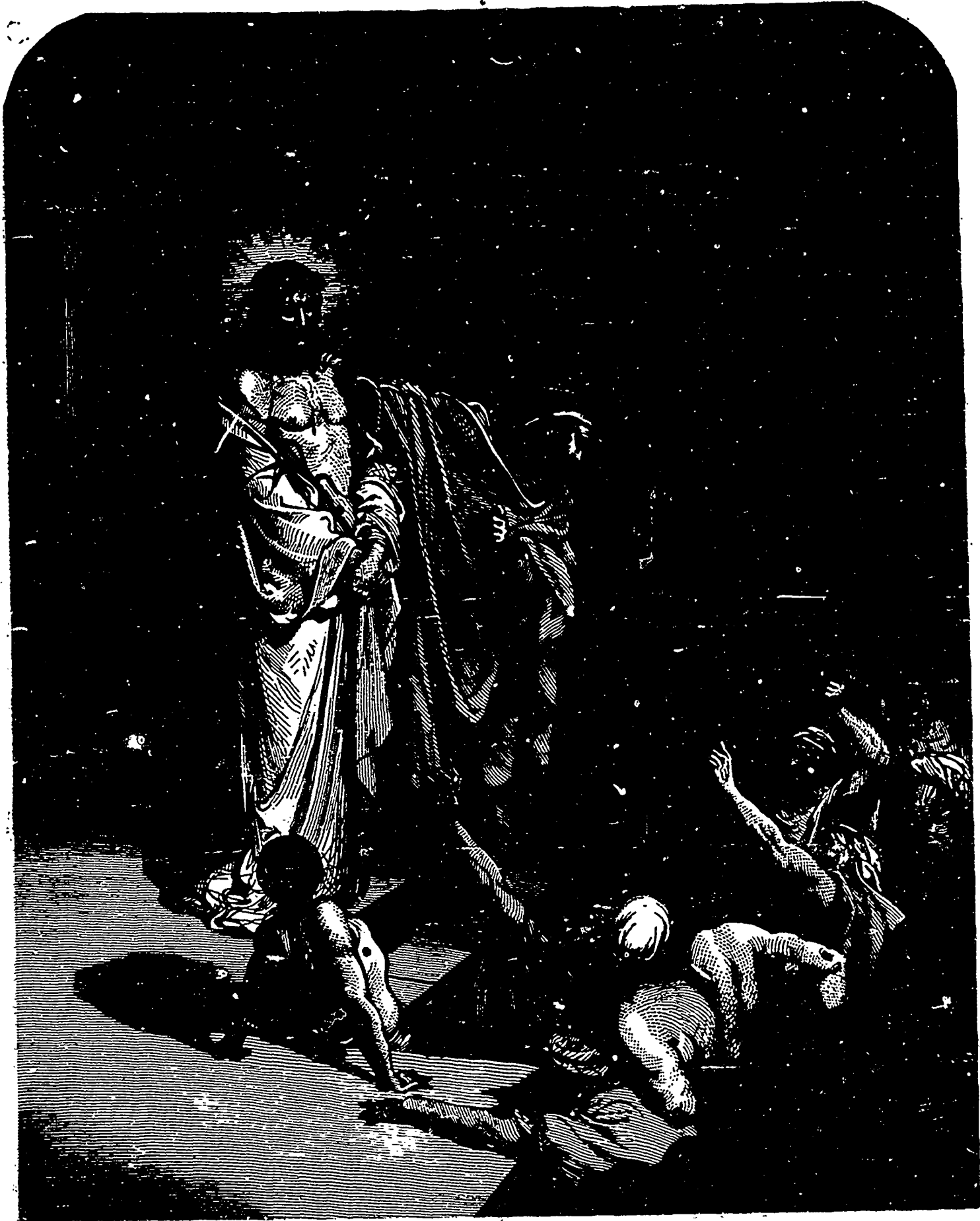
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"BEHOLD THE MAN."

PILATE PRESENTING JESUS TO THE JEWS.—(SEE LESSON FOR JUNE 7.)

After Gustave Doré's
Great Painting.

New Jersey.

BY SARA ENGLAND.

"My friend from New Jersey is visiting me,
And I'd like to have you call,"
Said a lady friend to Dell's mamma one day,
As they said good-bye in the hall.

Little Dell stepped up with a radiant face,
And stroking her dress of dark blue,
With two little hands so plump and so brown,
Said, "I see dot a new Jersey, too!"

LIVINGSTONE'S INFLUENCE ON MR. STANLEY.

During a recent interview between Mr. Stanley and a newspaper correspondent, the distinguished and intrepid explorer said: "I have been in Africa for seventeen years, and I never met a man who would kill me if I folded my hands. What has been wanted, and what I have been endeavouring to ask for the poor Africans, has been the good offices of Christians, ever since Livingstone taught me, during those four months that I was with him. In 1871 I went to him as prejudiced as the biggest atheist in

London. To a reporter and correspondent, such as I, who had only to deal with wars, mass-meetings and political gatherings, sentimental matters were entirely out of my province. But there came for me a long time for reflection. I was out there away from a worldly world. I saw this solitary old man there, and asked myself, 'How on earth does he stop here; is he cracked, or what? What is it that inspires him?' For months after we met I simply found myself listening to him, wondering at the old man carrying out all that was said in the Bible, 'Leave all things and follow me.' But little by little his sym-

pathy for others became contagious; my sympathy was aroused; seeing his piety, his gentleness, his zeal, his earnestness, and how he went quietly about his business, I was converted by him, although he had not tried to do it. How sad that the good old man should have died so soon. How joyful he would have been if he could have seen what has happened here."—Christian Herald.

The charity of some people consists in what they would do if they had time and money.