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ed by the hand of his mother's husband, Joseph. No one knows where he lived while in Egypt, nor how long he lived there; but it cannot have been very long, for he was yet a little boy when he returned to Canaan. It must have grieved the holy soul of the Son of God to see the Egyptians bowing down to idols, for the land was then full of idols; but after his ascension to heaven, one of his disciples went to Egypt to preach the Gospel. I believe it was Mark who went. He was not an apostle, but he was a disciple, and he was one of the Four Evangelists. A great many Egyptians became Christians in his days, but very few are Christians *now*.

It was the Arabs who made them change their religion. They came with their swords in the name of the false prophet Mahomet. Those who would not believe in Mahomet were forced to wear round their necks a very heavy cross, so heavy that the weight could hardly be borne. A few of the Egyptians refused to become Mahomedans, and their descendants still live in the land, and are called Copts.

After the Arabs had ruled over Egypt a long while, the Turks came, and conquered it. The sultan at Constantinople used to be lord of the land, but he does not rule over it now.

The king is called the pasha, and he has more