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CHAPTER XXXIII

HOW THE LIFE OF JESUS CONTINUES

THE Acts of the Apostles opens by saying that the story which we have now finished was only what Jesus "began to do and to teach" up to the time of his apparent departure out of the world. But by the coming of the Holy Spirit his life in the world continued and grew, and is still continuing and growing. No life of Jesus can be completely written. But I may in a closing chapter show you how and where you can find that life still.

This is the meaning of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that came at Pentecost: Jesus himself comes to those who believe in him and put their trust in him. He comes, not the thought of him, or the memory of him only, not the love to him or the wish to serve him only, but he himself comes. He enters the believing heart, a spiritual power, that makes it anew, forgives and cleanses, strengthens and keeps, and brings the life and character into harmony with himself. Thus wherever there is a true