

disappointment and loss. In the light of His life, the darkest life is brightened ; and He can give out of His own light to each one whose life is beclouded and helpless. The compass of His experiences takes in all human experience of trial and sorrow. His ideally beautiful and perfect life takes in, and in part is made up of, these inevitable griefs and pains ; and it harmonises these with the divinest joys. We must neither on the one hand think of Jesus as being only a man of sorrows, nor on the other think of Him as having lived a life of satisfaction and success. He was a man of joys, the finest and most perfect joy, as truly as He was a man of sorrow ; and, as to success or failure in life, He lived so as to leave the best results of His life to be realised afterwards. We must not look at and think of only one side of the life of Christ ; we must regard it in its complete circuit and compass—reaching out here to the most perfect joy, and there to the strangest sorrow ; and we must learn when