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Jesus meant his salvation to become universal. If the race progresses, that which will be its final satisfaction cannot have been fully comprehended at the beginning.

An era of higher spiritual and physical life would enable us to accept the standard of Jesus. To this end a higher level of corporate faith is needed.

We cannot yet see our way to accept his standard, but our sin lies in our determination to walk by sight.

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The converts of the first age of the Church had only such reports of Jesus as a fair consensus of opinion among New Testament critics now gives us.

We may find in it more vital inspiration than in the doctrinal systems which in intervening centuries have perhaps made the personal character of Jesus more difficult of access.

If these systems be true for us, we shall, in finding Jesus, return to them.

Rediscovering the personal Jesus in the first reports of his ministry, we may aspire to fill this age with as great a comparative advance of the Church as the first century exhibited.