

fed them all with bread—thereby proving that His compassions fail not, and that in *His* hands,—or following His blessing,—the “Barrel of meal wasteth not, nor doth the cruse of oil fail.”

Listen, once more, to His gracious language to a poor afflicted woman who had suffered from her infirmity twelve years, and had spent all her substance in trying to remove it. Having heard of Jesus—of His miraculous power, and kindness to the sick—she approached Him in faith, (yet delicately) and taking an opportunity of touching the fringe of His garment, she became, from that moment, free from her disease. Our Lord, perceiving that virtue had gone out of Him, turned and saw the woman who had been benefited standing behind Him trembling, but instead of rebuking her He said, “Daughter, be of good comfort: thy *faith* hath made thee whole; go in peace.”

What, too, was His compassion for *Jerusalem*: that ancient—that sacred—that renowned self-cursed city!—Forgetful, altogether, of himself, and of the cruel and unjust treatment which He had met with at the hands of the Jews, the gentle Saviour *wept*! His human sympathies betrayed themselves as He gazed upon that doomed place, which, for so long a time, had rejected His offers of salvation, and was now, with its Walls, its Palaces, its Temple, about to be destroyed. He wept, as He thought of the desolation that would follow, and the utter destruction of the people. “O Jerusalem,” He cried, “Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye *would not*; now, thou hast put it from thee, and thy glorious and beautiful temple will soon be left unto thee desolate.”

Let these illustrations suffice to show what Jesus Christ *was*; and now, in few words, for what He *is*. The same universal Healer; the same tender and long-suffering Saviour; the same friend to the friendless; the same gracious restorer and deliverer; the same pitying Samaritan; the same merciful and sin-forgiving Lord; the same unwearying physician; the same seeker after souls; the same forgiver of injuries; the same intercessor for His enemies; the same advocate for publicans and sinners; the same unchanging and unchangeable friend and sympathizer; the same sacrificing Priest and Minister—Yesterday, to-day, and for ever!

Reflect, for a moment, at this stage of our enquiry, upon the immutability of His declarations as the Gospel Herald.

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