

# Testimony of Great Men to Jesus of Nazareth

Christ's character grows more pure, sacred and lovely, the better we know Him. The whole range of history and fiction furnishes no parallel to it. Christ is the glory of the past, the life of the present, the hope of the future. We cannot even understand ourselves without Him.—Philip Schaff.

Jesus the Lord became a sacrifice for sin; a pattern for all righteousness; a preacher of the Word which Himself was; a corner-stone to remove the separation between Jew and Gentile; an intercessor of the Church; a Lord of nature in His miracles; a conqueror of death and the power of darkness in His resurrection. He fulfilled the whole counsel of God, performed His whole sacred offices and anointed on earth, accomplished the whole work of the redemption and restitution of men to a state superior to the angels, and reconciled or established all things according to the eternal will of the Father.—Francis Bacon.

Do you think He came, the true and perfect King, only to go away again, and leave this world as it was before, without a law, a ruler, a heavenly kingdom? God forbid! Jesus is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. What He was then, when He rode in triumph into Jerusalem, that is He now to us this day—a King, meek and lowly, and having salvation, the head and founder of a kingdom which can never be moved.—Charles Kingsley.

To bring life and immortality to light; to give such proofs of our future existence, as may influence the most narrow mind, and fill the most capacious intellect; to open prospects beyond the grave, in which the thought may expatiate without obstructions; and to supply a refuge and a support to the mind amidst all the miseries of decaying nature—is the peculiar excellence of the gospel of Christ.—Samuel Johnson.

I commit my soul to the mercy of God, through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and I exhort my dear children humbly to try to guide themselves by the teachings of the New Testament.—Charles Dickens.

Now, if we describe the work of Christ by a short expression which may give the clearest view of it, we shall describe it thus: that He came to restore the intuition. He came, it is true, to save, and to give eternal life; but the way in which He did this was by restoring the intuition.—Matthew Arnold.

Men own that the human character of Christ is the completest human character the world has ever seen, and yet they give their admiration to incomplete characters; and, not yet risen to the full revelation of the Lord, they call that manly which they know all the while is something less than the full-orbed attainment of the perfect man.—Phillips Brooks.

In the early ages of Christianity, there was little care taken to analyze character. One momentous question was heard over the whole world: "Dost thou believe in the Lord with all thine heart?" There was but one division among men—the great unamiable division between the disciple and the adversary. The love of Christ was all, and in all; and in proportion to the nearness of their memory of His person and teaching, men understood the infinity of the require-

ments of the normal law, and the manner in which it alone could be fulfilled.—John Ruskin.

What touches us touches Christ; what annoys us annoys Christ; what robs us robs Christ. He is the great nerve-centre to which thrill all sensations which touch us who are His members.—T. DeWitt Talmage.

Jesus did not ask us to pass from better to worse, but, on the contrary, from worse to better. He had pity upon men, who to Him were like sheep without a shepherd. He said that His disciples would be persecuted for His doctrine, and that they must bear the persecutions of the world with resolution. But He did not say that those who followed the world's doctrine; on the contrary, He said that those who followed the world's doctrine would be wretched, and that those that followed His doctrine would have joy and peace. Jesus did not teach salvation by faith in asceticism or voluntary torture; but He taught us a way of life, which, while saving us from the emptiness of the personal life, would give us less of suffering and more of joy. Jesus told men that in practicing His doctrine among unbelievers they would be, not more unhappy, but, on the contrary, much more happy, than those who did not practice it.—Leo N. Tolstoy.

Jesus has been the one man of whom it has been possible to say to all people, of all nations, all ages and languages: "Whom having not seen ye love; in whom, though ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."—Harrist Beecher Stowe.

Beyond doubt, Christ is the founder of the first true church; that is the church, which, purified from the folly of superstition and the meanness of fanaticism, exhibits the moral kingdom of God upon earth as far as it can be done by man.—Immanuel Kant.

Nothing that is here said can apply, even with the most distant disrespect, to the real character of Jesus Christ. He was a virtuous and an amiable man. The morality that He preached and practised was of the most benevolent kind, and though similar systems of morality had been preached by Confucius and by some of the Greek philosophers many years before, by the Quakers since, and by many good men in all ages, it has not been exceeded by any.—Thomas Paine.

Highest of all religious symbols are those wherein the artist or poet has risen into a prophet; and all men can recognize a present God, and worship the same. If thou ask to what length man has carried it in this manner, look on our divinest symbol, Jesus of Nazareth, and His life and His biography, and what followed therefrom. Higher has the human thought not yet reached; this Christianity and Christendom—a system of quite perennial, infinite character, whose significance will ever demand to be anew inquired into, and anew made manifest.—Thomas Carlyle.

The question of the justice of Jesus' condemnation depends upon the judgment which is formed of His character. If He had been only a Galilean rabbi, the tribunal of history would not rightfully reverse that of Calaphas. In the mausoleum of the noble dead there is no place to erect, by the side of Confucius of China, Buddha of India and Socrates of Greece, a statue to the memory of Jesus of Nazareth. He is either the Son of God, or He was a false prophet;

He was either more than a philosopher, or less than a true man.—Lyman Abbott.

Jesus Christ belonged to the true race of prophets. He saw with open eye the mystery of the soul. Drawn by its severe harmony, ravished by its beauty, He lived in it, and had His being there. Alone in all history, He estimated the greatness of man. One man was true to what is in you and me. He saw that God incarnates Himself in man, and evermore goes forth anew to take possession of His world.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Everything in Christ astonishes me. His spirit overawes me, and His will confounds me. Between Him and whosoever else in the world there is no possible term of comparison. His ideas and His sentiments, the truths which He announces, His manner of conveying, are not explained either by human organization or by the nature of things.—Napoleon Bonaparte.

If we attempt to discover what it is in the personal character of Jesus Christ, as shown in His life, that thus attracts such permanent admiration, it is not difficult to do so. In any age when the ideal of religious life was realized in the Baptist's withdrawing from men, and burying himself in the ascetic solitude of the desert, Christ came, bringing religion into the hearts and homes of every-day life of men. For the mortifications of the hermit, He substitutes the labors of active benevolence; for the fears and gloom which shrank from men, He brought the light of a cheerful piety, which made every act of daily life religious. He found the domain of religion fenced off as something distinct from common duties, and He threw down the wall of separation, and consecrated the whole sweep of existence.—Cunningham Gekke.

It appears, as respects the person of our Lord, that His ordinary exhibition to ordinary hearers and spectators was that of a man engaged in the best and holiest and tenderest ministries, among all the saddest of human miseries and trials; of one teaching in word, too, the best and holiest and tenderest lessons, and claiming, unequivocally and without appeal, a paramount authority for what He said and did, but beyond this asserting respecting Himself nothing, and leaving Himself to be freely judged by the character of His words and deeds. Through the fair gloss of His manhood, we perceive the rich bloom of His divinity. If He is not now without an assailant, at least He is without a rival. If He be not the Son of Righteousness, the Friend that gives His life for His friends and that sticketh closer than a brother, the unfailing Consoler, the constant Guide, the everlasting Priest and King, at least, as all must confess, there is no other to come into His room.—William E. Gladstone.

Comfort for the Dyspeptic.—There is no ailment so harassing and exhausting as dyspepsia, which arises from defective action of the stomach and liver, and the victim of it is to be pitied. Yet he can find ready relief in Parmelee's Vegetable Pills, a preparation that has established itself by years of effective use. There are pills that are widely advertised as the greatest ever compounded, but not one of them can rank in value with Parmelee's.

## Christmas Appeals to the Unbeliever.

Primarily, of course, Christmas is a religious festival. In the Christian, with a slender belief in the Christ, who is the foundation rock of his religion, the words of priest and pastor, exhorting his flock to observe the day with ceremonial observances, find a fervent response. From every pulpit is told anew each year the story of Him with whom Christmas had never been.

But Christmas appeals also to the non-believer in Christ, to the men and women who cannot subscribe conscientiously to the doctrine of his divinity. It is true, perhaps, to say that as Christmas approaches the Christmas spirit is "in the air," at it is true none the less, "Peace and good will" pervade the air that is breathed alike by churchgoer and non-attendant.

In the big cities Christmas is celebrated by Christian and Jew and Mohammedan as well as by those with no religion. In the outermost corners of the earth, wherever men of Christian faith have borne the standard of civilization, the native heathen in intimate contact with them feel the coming of the spirit and rejoice.

It is well that this should be so, for the spirit of Christmas is the spirit of belief not only in Christ, but in one's fellow men. Everyone may share in it if he will. Everyone may find in the story of the life that was lived in Palestine nineteen centuries ago, of the death that was met on the cross and of the resurrection that followed, something of spiritual application, something of uplift.

Whether the corn be of old or new growth, it must yield to Holloway's Corn Cure, the simplest and best cure offered to the public.

## A JOLLY CHRISTMAS GAME.

For a raucous Christmas game provide a number of large, rosy apples and as many trifling presents. Each boy or girl in turn is given a broad bladed knife, with which he or she must scoop up one piece of fruit. Balancing the apple on the knife blade, he must walk rapidly around the room. All those who succeed in carrying the fruit over the proscribed course are allowed to select one of the prizes as a reward, or a peanut may be carried on the knife blade if the stage manager prefers.

Worms, however generated, are found in the digestive tracts, where they set up disturbances detrimental to the health of the child. There can be no comfort for the little ones until the hurtful intruders have been expelled. No better preparation for this purpose can be had than Miller's Worm Powders. They will immediately destroy the worms and correct the conditions that were favorable to their existence.

## WHY WE HANG UP STOCKINGS

The custom of hanging up the stocking on Christmas eve arose from an incident in the life of the good St. Nicholas. One day, when he was overtaken by a severe storm, he took refuge in a convent, and the next day being Christmas he preached a sermon to the nuns which they liked so much that they asked him to come the next year and preach to them again.

On his second visit, which was also on a Christmas eve, before going to bed he asked each of the nuns to lend him a stocking, and he filled the stockings with sugar plums in return for their hospitality.

In the making of mince pies—which form a part of a regular Christmas feast—mutton was the only meat formerly used, as a commemoration of the flocks that were watched on the holy night by the shepherds of Bethlehem. The spices were supposed to be suggestive of the wise men from the east—the land of spices.

Many mothers have reason to bless Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator, because it has relieved the little ones of suffering and made them healthy.

## Your Suit Skirt.

Conserve it. A little trouble will save it. Use your suit skirt only when out. When you get home, drop your suit skirt.

Have ready some single skirt to wear around the house. Almost everybody is serving as household worker just now.

And it soon spoils a good skirt to wear it while preparing a meal. Even a big apron does not serve as protector sufficiently to save a good skirt when you are at work in the household mill.

Some people can work "all dressed up" and not injure their wearing apparel in the lease, but those people have not this ability and find it more useful just to have a regular working garb, getting rest by a change of clothing.

## HYMN FOR CHRISTMAS.

(By Felicia Hemans.)  
Oh, lovely voices of the sky  
Which hymned the Saviour's birth,  
Are ye not singing still on high,  
Ye that sang "Peace on earth,  
To us yet speak the strains  
Wherewith in time gone by,  
Ye blessed the Syrian swains,  
Oh, voices of the sky!

Oh, clear and shining light, wise  
That hour heaven's glory shed,  
Around the palms, and o'er the streams,  
And on the shepherd's head,  
Be near, through life and death,  
As in that holiest night,  
Of hope, and joy, and faith—  
Oh, clear and shining light!

The Friend of All Sufferers.—Like to the shadow of a rock in a weary land" is Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil to all those who suffer pain. It holds out hope to everyone and realizes it by stilling suffering everywhere. It is a salve that has the blessings of half a continent. It is on sale everywhere and can be found wherever enquired for.

## CHRISTMAS CANDIES

In order to become really successful in the art of candy-making, it is not only necessary to be able to produce confections which are tasty and good to eat, but also to know how to serve and shape them so that they may appear to the best advantage.

Among the most easy sweets to make, and one that is certain to give good results, may be reckoned

### BOILED FONDANT SWEETS.

All kinds of fondant find favor with sweet lovers, and from a good foundation recipe it is surprising what a number of different bonbons can be evolved. To make good boiled fondant mixture requires some practice, and for cooking this kind of sweet a thermometer is almost a necessity, but given care, it can be dispensed with. The method is as follows:—Put 1 lb. of granulated sugar into a pint and a half size saucepan with a gill and a half of cold water, stir till thoroughly dissolved, standing the pan at back of stove or over a gas-ring, over a gentle heat. Raise the heat, and allow the sugar to boil quickly until a little of it dropped into cold water can be rolled into a soft ball. The average time for this is ten minutes, and the sugar must be on no account be stirred while boiling, or it would grain, but the addition of the third saltspoonful of cream of tartar will help to prevent graining. Remove from the gas, and when cool, but not cold, stir until the whole becomes a thick creamy mass. When too hard to stir any more, take it into the hands, which must be well dusted with powdered sugar, and knead like dough, upon a marble slab if possible; but if there is not one, use a dish with an even surface. When quite smooth, divide in three parts; flavor one part with vanilla essence, and roll into balls; color a second part with a few drops of cochineal, and flavor with essence of rose, or a little syrup taken from raspberry jam, and shape into filberts. The third part may be colored and flavored with coffee essence, and shaped into cubes; thus there will be three different kinds of sweets, which will look pretty mixed together on the same dish.

### CHOCOLATE CREAMS.

You require for these about half a pound of the white fondant flavored with vanilla, and three bars of Cadbury's or Fry's chocolate. Roll the fondant into small balls, and lay them out on waxed paper to harden; they are better left till next day.

Break up the chocolate into a basin and stand the basin in another containing boiling water, for the chocolate to melt. Six drops of glycerine or linseed oil added will help to give the coating more body, and also to make it more shiny. No water is required unless the chocolate is very hard, even then only two or three drops. When quite liquid, take up the fondant balls on the point of a new hatpin, dip them into the melted chocolate, taking care they are coated all over, and lay them out on waxed or buttered paper to stiffen in a cold dry place.

Dragged Down by Asthma. The man or woman who is continually subject to asthma is unfitted for his or her life's work. Strength departs and energy is taken away until life becomes a dreary existence. And yet this is needless. Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy has brought a great change to an army of sufferers. It relieves the restricted air tubes and guards against future trouble. Try it.

### WHY HE GOT THERE.

"Your opponent was a dark horse, was he not?"  
"Not on your life!" replied the defeated candidate. "He was a red automobile!"

### LONG SUFFERING FATHER.

"Are you an ultimate consumer?"  
"I should say I am!" replied Mr. Gilthers. "I don't even get a chance to look at the morning paper until all the other members of my family have read it."

A fool and his money keep lots of people from being honest.

