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our gospels were written to record for us in full the life, words and meaning of Him who is our life. There He is as He was on earth, as He died, as He rose, as He lived in the hearts of those He left behind, or as He must ever be for us. And as men went out to the Egyptian, to the Arab, the Armenian, the Goth, the Teuton, the Latin races of the West, the kindling love of the missionary soon caught and tamed the silent, moody, keen, impetuous or thoughtful barbarian, and he began to ask who is this Jesus whom you love though unseen, who nerves you to a life of such wondrous faith? So the preacher turns the gospel of Jesus into the stranger tongue, and we have the versions of the early centuries. Soon under Constantine and the Popes of Rome, Christianity takes on the lust for empire, and capitulates to the spirit of this world. Men forget to compare themselves with their Master and tradition stifles faith,—the Bible becomes unknown to common folk. Here and there, however, a Wycliffe or some continental reformer discovers the buried treasure and puts it again into the speech of simple men. There are burnings, hatreds, much cruelty, but these are the birth throes of faith, freedom and stalwart nations. All through history the tale repeats itself—the Bible in the vernacular means revival of faith, intelligent worship, stringent conduct according to the pattern of Jesus. Hide Him, blur His features by tradition or man's imperfect testimony, and religion begins to perish or to send out unhealthy growths. So will it always be. Christ, as He stands for us in the New Testament, is the secret of all missionary success. His sad lonely life, His pity and compassion, His words so few and yet throbbing with life, His assurance, His deeds, with their calm masterful command over the world of men, His sorrow, His anger, His cry for the men who killed him, His agony, His death, His triumph—these things men must read at first hand, and let them prove that He is the Son of God. It is absurd to talk of missionary enterprise without the Bible. Faith cannot live long without an objective source of power in the Scriptures. Christ it is who consecrates, who delivers the captive, restores sight to the blind, makes a people, and Christ is known by His word. The Holy Spirit is the spirit of this Christ, and the words and deeds of Jesus are the eternal