

COME TO JESUS.

I WAS standing on the footway of a crowded thoroughfare; the passers-by were hurrying along, each intent on his own business, while I paused, looking out for a hansom cab. I had an important business appointment to keep, and there was no time to be lost. As I thus stood I was startled by a voice in my ear; some one was speaking to me, and distinctly came the words, "Come to Jesus, there's no time to be lost!" I heard them, but e'er I could reply the speaker had vanished in the crowd.

What effect would these words have produced on you, reader? What echo would they have awakened in your heart? To me they had a sweet sound, and I would have gladly grasped the hand of him who uttered them, and said that I too was journeying toward the city where the name of Jesus will be chanted in heavenly songs. But another thought came as I jumped into my hansom and drove off; if there is no time to be lost in the keeping of an urgent appointment in this world, do we think with the same earnestness about the Lord's invitation to meet Him in the next? "Come to Jesus, there's no time to be lost." Think of this, reader. Jesus said "Come unto me" (Matt. xi. 28), have you come? And had those words been addressed to you in the street, what answer could you have given?"

Many hesitate and plead difficulties in the way. When Jesus was in this world He said to Peter,

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