

tudes of men and women God seems far removed from human life, a vague and unreal figure. A supreme need is for some means by which the Heavenly Father shall be brought near and made a real and living Presence. In the Christ of the gospels just this need is met. God is brought very near to those who find Jesus their Teacher, Friend, and Saviour. Jesus is the supremely convincing testimony of the fact of God and of the character of God. "If one will not hear that biography of love, that memoir of pity, that historic record of redeeming grace, neither will he believe though one rise from the dead."

*It will reveal man to himself.* The average adult needs just this revelation. The years of middle life bring disillusionment. What is to make up for the fading of the heightened colors with which youth tinged the most commonplace things of life? What is to take the place of the keen zest and enthusiasm of early years? Is everything now to become common? Are the high values to be lost out of life and the soul's attitude to become that of indifference and spiritual stolidity? How may the vision of youth, renewed, refined, and spiritualized, be imparted to the soul as a permanent possession? Just this service the study of the life and teaching of Jesus is fitted to render. In him we have a revelation of a triumphant spiritual life. In him we see what God intends for every son of man. In him we find the spiritual dynamic to revitalize youth's motives and purposes. In him we find power for the realization of our highest ideals.

*Contact with Christ imparts life and health to the soul.* The earliest disciples found companionship with Jesus to be a savor of life unto life. In ways which they could not explain the influence of his words and his personality reached down to the roots of their being, affecting feeling, thought, and will, and effecting a transformation of their