

roses for the thorns. Happiness lies, not in selfishness, but in living for others; and he who truly lives for others lives for God.

Analytical and Biblical Outline.

The Revelation of Christ.

I. A MAN OF PRAYER.

He was alone praying. v. 18.
Solitary place....prayed. Mark 1. 35.
Offered up prayers. Heb. 5. 7.

II. A MESSENGER FROM GOD

The Christ of God. v. 20.
Jesus is the Son of God. 1 John 5. 5.
Spoken unto us by his Son. Heb. 1. 2.

III. A SON OF MAN.

The Son of man. v. 22.
The word was made flesh. John 1. 14.
Of the seed of David. Rom. 1. 3.

IV. A SUFFERING REDEEMER.

Must suffer many things. v. 22.
Christ died for our sins. 1 Cor. 15. 3.
Messiah be cut off. Dan. 9. 26.

V. A MASTER OF MEN.

Come after me....deny himself. v. 23.
Serve me....follow me. John 12. 26.
Every knee should bow. Phil. 2. 10.

VI. A COMING KING.

Shall come in his own glory. v. 26.
Same Jesus....shall so come. Acts 1. 11.
Come, Lord Jesus. Rev. 22. 20.

Thoughts for Young People.

Christ's Kingdom not of this World.

1. *Jesus is Christ, the only begotten Son of the Father.* Men's thoughts of him do not decide his nature or character. He was not John, nor Elijah, nor Jeremiah, because some Jews chose to think he was. And he is not the mere "Flower of Humanity," as certain modern philosophers rank him. In him dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

2. *A man's convictions may be all wrong, though he is himself sincere.* The fanatics who were hunting for Jesus's life were many of them sincere. An earnest man whose convictions are wrong is very dangerous—both to himself and to those whom he would teach.

3. *Christ invites disciples under two conditions: (1) taking up the cross, and (2) following him.* The first is worthless without the second. Take up your cross to save somebody, like Christ, or else it will be aimless; and aimless cross-bearing is bad. Self-denial is the very first step to God. All sin and sorrow may be traced to selfishness.

4. *Neither the world nor Christianity has radically changed since Jesus sauntered along the road to Casarea Philippi.* Confession of Christ will always be necessary; shame of Christ will always be possible.

5. *It is nearly as difficult to understand the spirituality of Christ's kingdom in A. D. 1896 as it was in A. D. 28.* When, in Church life, we depend on the coming of the new minister, or on some "amendment to the constitution," or on some money, or on social prestige, or on better singing, or anything other than Christ's spiritual power, we are drifting toward the idea of a temporal kingdom.

6. *What are you giving in exchange for your soul? Or are you saving your life by losing it?*

Lesson Word-Pictures.

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Retired, restless spot! Jesus praying!

What security! What can disturb the serenity of this seclusion? It may be the twilight hour, the sun gone down, the wind hushed, and little stars just lifting the soft azure veils hiding them, and shyly peeping out.

The Saviour's prayer is over and he talks with his disciples. He asks them a question: "Who say the people that I am?" His eyes searched their hearts.

What will they say?

"John the Baptist," some one cries.

One sees in thought the herald coming from the wilderness, lifting up his trumpet voice and proclaiming the coming of the Wonderful One.

Another voice speaks, "Elias!" One sees the old-time prophet now kneeling on Carmel, then running before Ahab's chariot, or hiding away off by the brook of Cherith.

Still again there are voices saying, "One of the old prophets is risen again!" As we look we see Isaiah watching afar the coming of the Wonderful One, Ezekiel dazzled by his fiery visions, Daniel bending over the mystical numbers in his prophecies.

Christ asks again, "But who say ye that I am?"

Hark!

Who will answer that question?

Peter is ready. You see him glancing up reverently, speaking emphatically, "The Christ of God!"

Yes, the anointed of God!

Let them tell, though, no man. Precious secret, even like a rare stone, let them carry it in the secret box of their memories.

The Christ of God, the anointed with power from on high!

I see heaven opening.

I hear angels singing jubilantly.

I seem to catch the gentle stir of the Spirit's descent as he abides upon the Man of Galilee.

But what is Christ saying?

The Son of man must suffer many things! The Son of man must be slain!

How great a change now in all things! This se-