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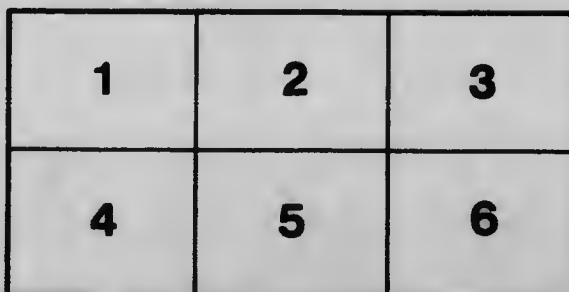
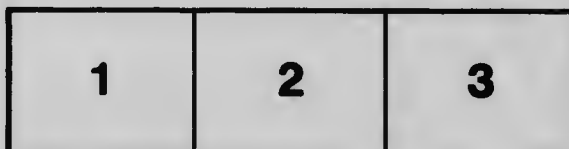
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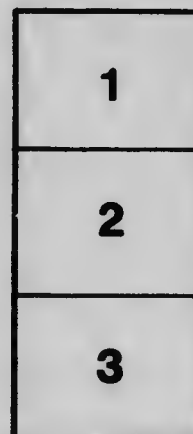
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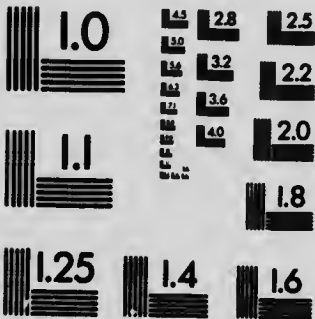
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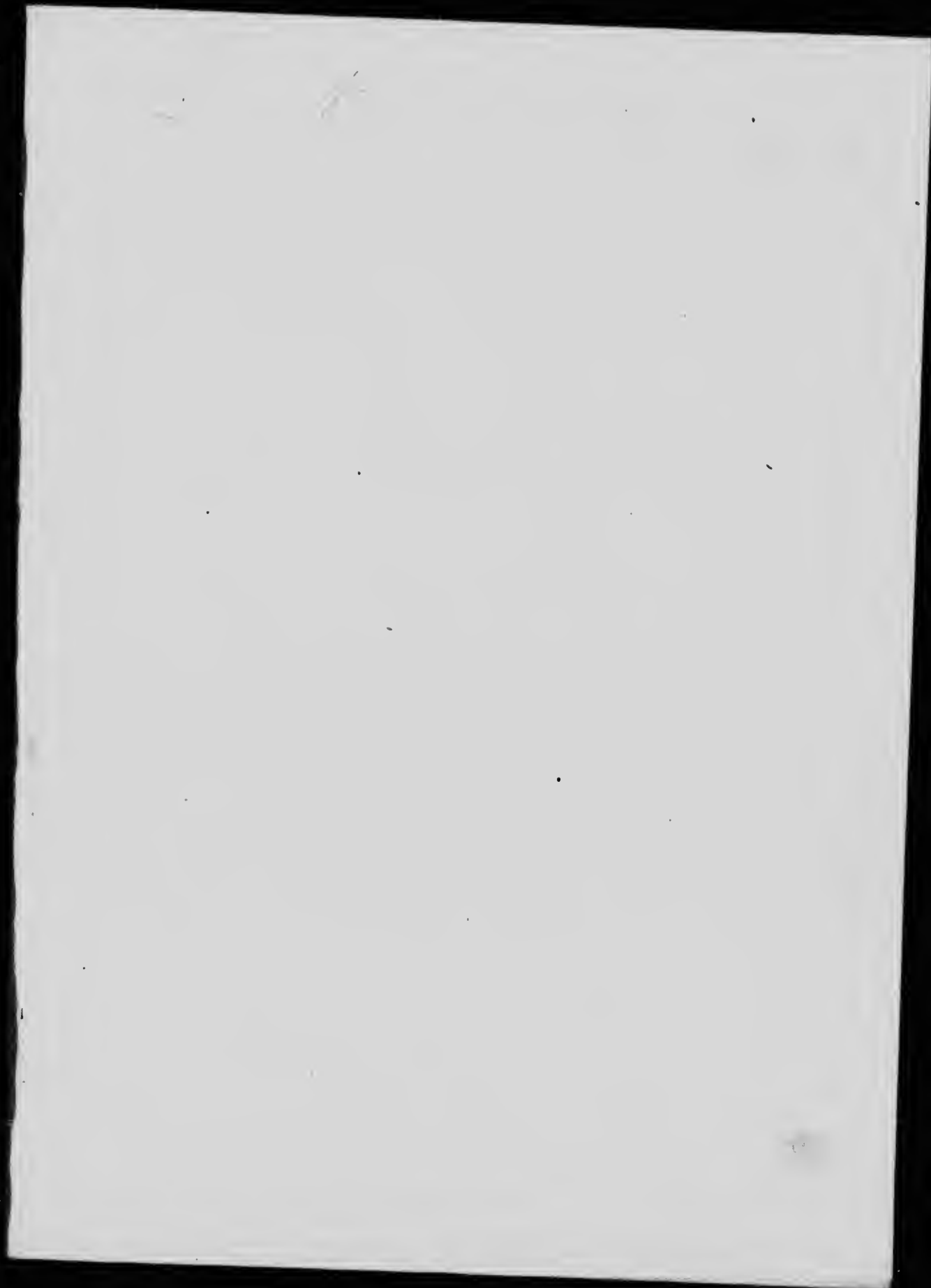
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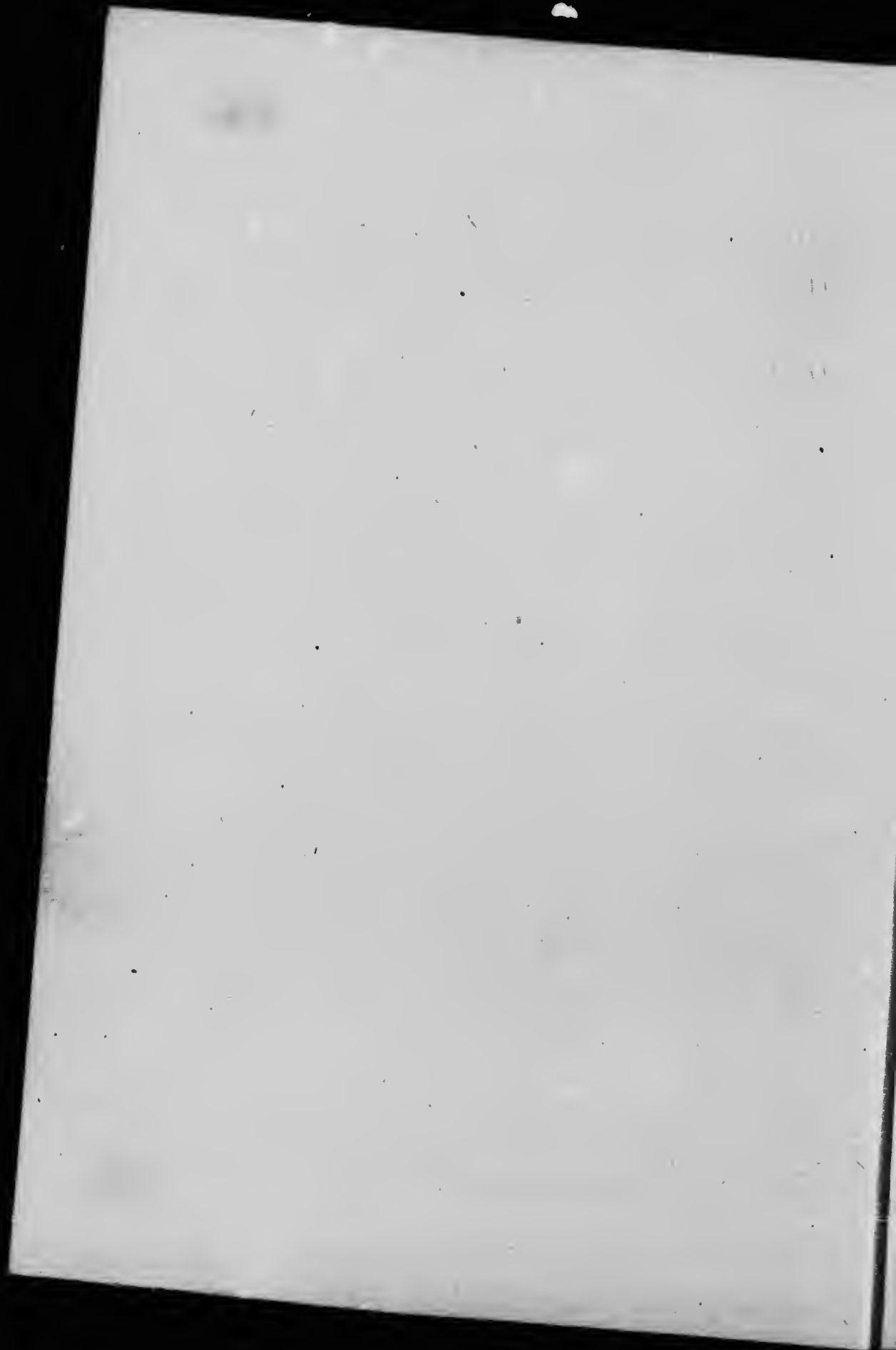
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ANALYSIS OF THE GOSPELS.

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Introduction

The four Gospels tell the story of the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven among men. Somewhere, with some man, in some nation, this Kingdom had to have its beginning on earth. The nation was the Jews. Chosen of God for this purpose and trained by the Hebrew prophets, they awaited as king, a Messiah (Hebrew: the "Anointed One"; Greek: Christos, the Christ), who should restore for them the glories of David's throne. The man was Jesus of Nazareth, born in due season, according to prophecy, of the line of David at Bethlehem in Judaea.

THE FOUR STANDPOINTS

A Kingdom established among men involves the following features :

1. Opposition from the displaced power.
2. A staff of Lieutenants to assist the leader.
3. A people as citizens.
4. The special character and qualities in the leader whereby he establishes the Kingdom and qualifies as its king.

The four Gospels tell the story from the four standpoints. Each in turn pictures the access of Jesus in a different office and corresponding aspect, according to the feature of the Kingdom in hand. Each Gospel, also, as a whole, has different national or other general characteristics, according to the particular purpose, origin and circumstances of the evangelist or writer himself.

COMPREHENSIVE TABLE OF THE FOUR GOSPELS.

	Jesus of Nazareth (Office and corresponding aspect)	Feature of Kingdom of Heaven	National or General Characteristics of Gospel
Matthew	King of the Jews (Royalty)	Its Opponents	Hebrew and Eastern
Mark	Tutor of the Apostles (Activity)	Its Staff	Roman and Western
Luke	Son and Teacher of Man (Humanity)	Its People	Greek or Universal
John	Son and Revealer of God (Divinity)	Its King	Christian and Spiritual

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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW.

Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.

Feature of the Kingdom: Its Opponents.

Characteristic of Jesus: Royalty.

Characteristics of Gospel: Hebrew and Eastern.

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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK.

Jesus of Nazareth, Tutor of the Apostles.

Feature of the Kingdom : Its Staff.

Characteristic of Jesus : Activity.

Characteristics of Gospel : Roman and Western.

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Feature of the Kingdom: Its People.

Characteristic of Jesus: Humanity.

Characteristics of Gospel: Greek or Universal.

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