

Jesus Christ is triumphed over sin, and sorrow, and death. Crown Him with thorns, then! ...They are the fittest emblems of those evils inherent in man which He has made His trophies.

From the Prophet Isaiah we are told, there was nothing physically attractive...No beauty in Him that we should desire Him. Prophetic facts reveal; He was just another face in the crowd---The face of Jesus was like all men's faces...

We could not go where He was: so He came to where we were and are! What condescension, bringing us redemption! In Him, Eternity came into time and infinity came into human history. ECCE HOMO. ECCE DEUS!

This man Jesus portrayed in the Gospels, is just the kind of a God I need...and want! A good God with helping hand and loving heart! That man is *"the same yesterday, and today, and forever."*

He is the ONE FIGURE in human history standing supreme over all others. Since He came all our lives carry His mark! Human history acknowledges Him. B.C. and A.D. ANNO DOMINI; in the year of our LORD. Heathen nations and peoples do not follow our Christian MARKINGS of His coming into the world. Heathen lands are *"...the dark places of the earth."*

Without Jesus human history is but an inextricable enigma; an awful chaos of happenings without meaning, connection, or aim. But with HIM the sun rises on the dark pages of human history. For His work and His presence is a wondrous, harmonious revelation of God. Jesus is the Christ; the master key unlocking the sure unfolding of a magnificent purpose of infinite wisdom and love for all. Ancient History converges at that focal point of His coming to be born of a Virgin. All modern history is but the continued working of that mighty plan in Prophecy for our Western World, NOW!

Jesus Christ is the center, the plumb of Covenant revelation to Abraham and his *"seed."* Through Isaac Jesus becomes *"heir of the world!"* Our Bible tells it out---Jesus Christ is all the glory of the past, the very life of the present, the living hope of the future.

Jesus made a stupendous claim when He claimed to be *"the Christ."* The WORD asserts, all earlier revelations, all earlier providences of God in Israel had it's chief end and full consummation in Him. But even such fantastic claims fade before this---He claimed the absolute finality of the revelation of GOD is made IN HIS PERSON!

Not only all the history of Israel, but all human history terminates in Him...HIS-STORY! Melito of Sardis testified that "JESUS SHOWED HIS GODHEAD CONCEALED IN THE FLESH."

Oh my soul! My mind staggers at these thoughts!

The Gospel Story of Jesus answers fully the sneering skeptic: "what new thing did Jesus bring?" In unison they reply: "He brought everything new by bringing Himself!"

*"Down from His glory,
Ever living story,
My GOD and SAVIOUR came,
And Jesus was His name."*