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PREFACE.

The author does not propose to write a commentary on the Gospels; nor does he undertake to write another Life of Christ; nor does he aim to discuss disconnected incidents and fragmentary topics found in his life. He has, for thirty-five years, carefully drilled his college classes in the Gospels with such exposition as they seemed to need and time has allowed.

He has made no effort to set up doctrinal tenets in abstract categories. But his aim has been to make a wide and exhaustive induction of the facts, in the Gospel and elsewhere in the Scriptures, which throw light on the person, character, and work of Christ.

This method, if successful, would give a many-sided and complete view of him and his salvation. We may see him as the concrete Saviour in his completeness; and we may also get the absolute measure of his salvation. The painter adds touch to touch, till the portrait is complete, and so may we. In presenting complete and concrete truth, we may add bone to bone, till every joint is articulated, and flesh and blood and life find their place in the living concrete truth.

This little volume is the author's attempt to realize this for his classes. It begins with Christ's environment