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## I.

### WHY WOULD WE SEE HIM?

It is related that a company of Greeks who had come up to Jerusalem to attend one of the annual feasts, hearing much about Jesus the prophet of Nazareth, resolved to verify for themselves the current rumors concerning his wonderful words and works. They accordingly spoke to Philip, one of the disciples, saying, "Sir, we would see Jesus." These men ought to interest us, because they were, in a way, relatives of ours.

It was not strange that the Jews wanted to see Jesus, since their Oracles were full of him; but these Greeks were Gentiles, belonging to the great body of outsiders who were regarded as having neither part nor lot in the Messianic heritage. Nevertheless when they heard of Jesus they wanted to see him.

In truth, everybody would like to see Jesus. The deepest longing of the average man is to solve certain questions that revolve about him. If he were to come to our city to-day what a turnout of the people there would be—old and young, rich and poor, thronging the thoroughfares to catch a glimpse of him!

How shall we account for this universal desire to see Jesus? To make it more distinctly personal, why are you, my friend, eager to see him?

Well, to begin with, because he is the most talked-about of all the distinguished personages who have ever lived in this world of ours. His name is exploited everywhere. And this is the more remarkable when we remember that he lived in a remote corner of the earth and died above eighteen hundred years ago. How many times have you heard the name of Plato mentioned in the last twelve months, or that of Marcus Aure-