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## PREFACE



To those who know *The Glory of Bethlehem*, or *The Wondrous Passion*, or *The Call of the Lord*, the method of this book will be familiar. As they offer meditations upon the Infancy, the Passion and the Resurrection of our Lord, so this book suggests meditations upon the Galilean Ministry. It is not an analysis, nor a complete record of the work and teaching of Christ in Galilee, nor does it deal in any way with the problem of the sources of the narrative. It is a devotional study of some of the chief events of our Lord's ministry in Galilee, written by one who believes that no humanitarian view of Jesus can meet the demands of the Gospel story, any more than it can satisfy the deepest instincts of the human heart. Only to those who believe that Jesus is God, and that His Kingdom is being realised upon earth in the life of His Church, do the Gospels yield their richest treasure. To them the Gospel story is not the mere record of a distant past, but the living interpreter of the present. In the light of that Incarnate Life do we see light. The simple facts of the life of Jesus are of infinite application to the needs of the world to-day.

"Whosoever goeth onward, and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God." In response to



the call of the age we cannot but "go onward." If we are to carry with us the true vision of God, we must perpetually renew our knowledge of Him by the prayerful study of the life of Jesus. With Thomas à Kempis we must make the resolve, "Be it therefore our chief pursuit to meditate upon the life of Jesus Christ." It is to aid in some small way the better understanding of that life, and to interpret some of its teaching in the light of the deeper needs of this progressive age, that this little book of meditation and prayer is written. Study and prayer must go hand in hand. In such critical days as these, if we are to build truly and well, Jesus must not only be our Ruler of life, but the Ruler of all our thought and action. For if there is no progress but in the following of Christ, there is no happiness but in His worship.

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