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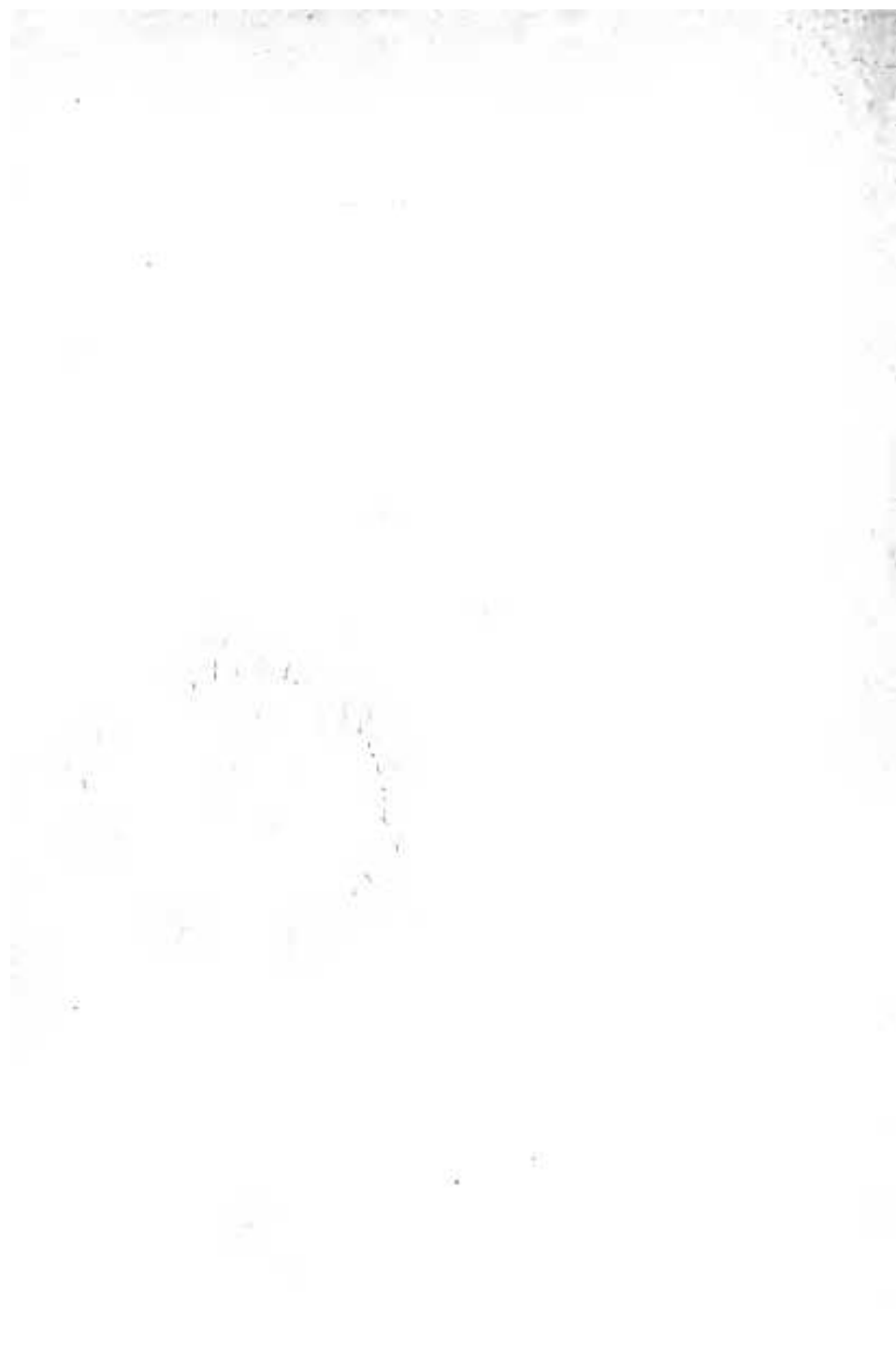
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CHAPTER I

The Ministry

ONE small section of the life of Jesus, the short period of his public activity, is all that our authorities allow us to survey. Its beginnings lie plunged in darkness. The accounts given by Matthew and Luke in the first chapters of their Gospels belong to the domain of legend, as is shown by the fact that our earliest Gospel knows nothing of any such events, while even the fourth passes them over in silence. Nor do the reports of these two Gospels agree in any point, except in the