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It is written of ME."*

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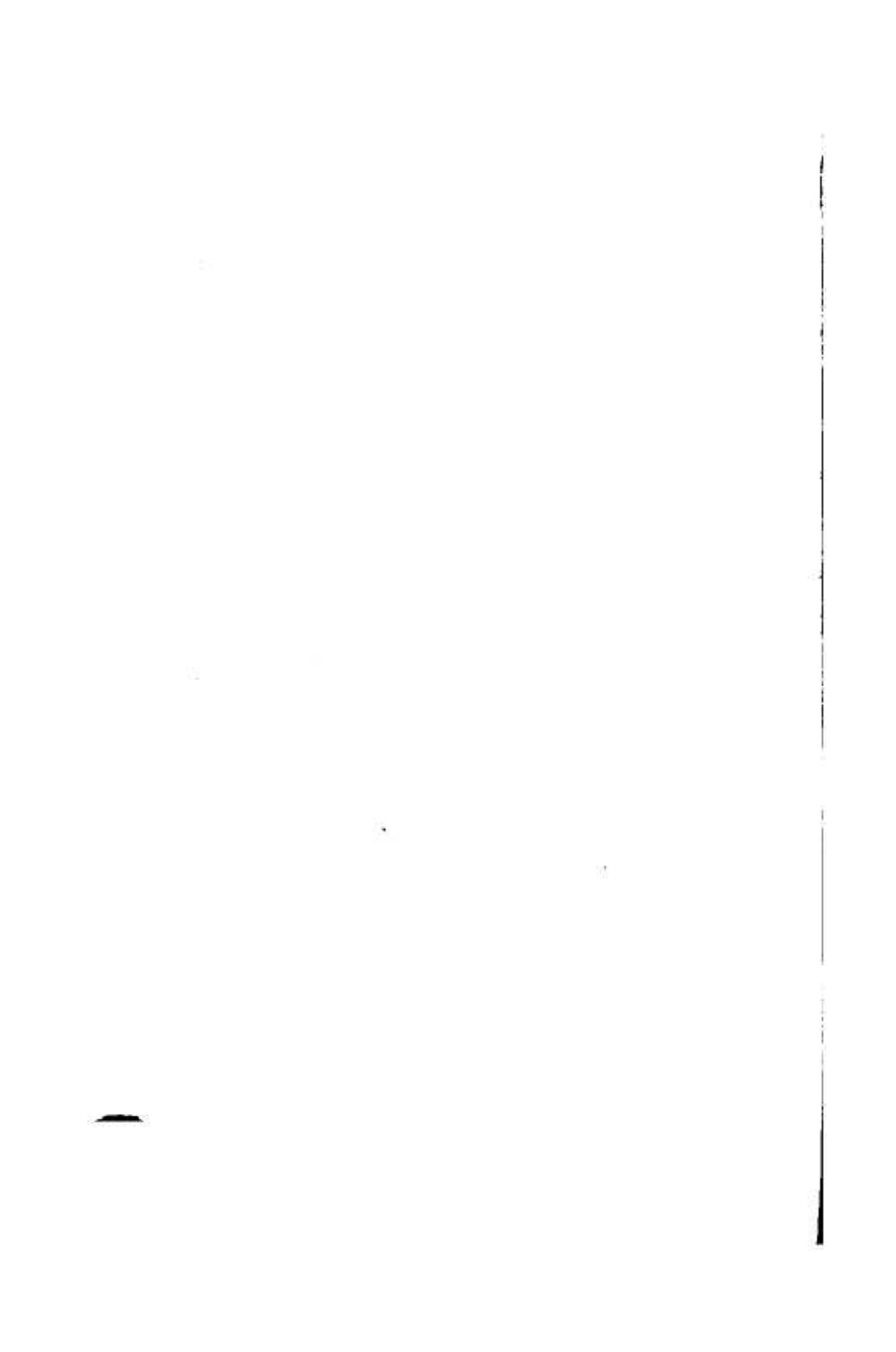
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TO THE
BELOVED FELLOW-STUDENTS AND
FELLOW-TEACHERS
OF THE
WORD OF GOD,

WHOSE REVERENT SEARCH INTO THE SCRIPTURES
THE HUMBLE COMPILER OF THIS
COMBINED GOSPEL NARRATIVE
WAS PERMITTED, FOR FIVE YEARS, TO CONDUCT,
IN THE CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE,
ON THE DAYS OF PREPARATION AS THE SABBATH DREW ON;
AND AT WHOSE SUGGESTION, IN PART,
THIS WORK WAS UNDERTAKEN:
WITH THE DAILY PRAYER THAT THE MEMBERS
OF THAT GREAT BIBLE-CLASS
MAY MORE AND MORE FIND WHATEVER
IN THE VOLUME OF THE BOOK IS WRITTEN OF HIM
WHOSE THEY ARE AND WHOM THEY SERVE—

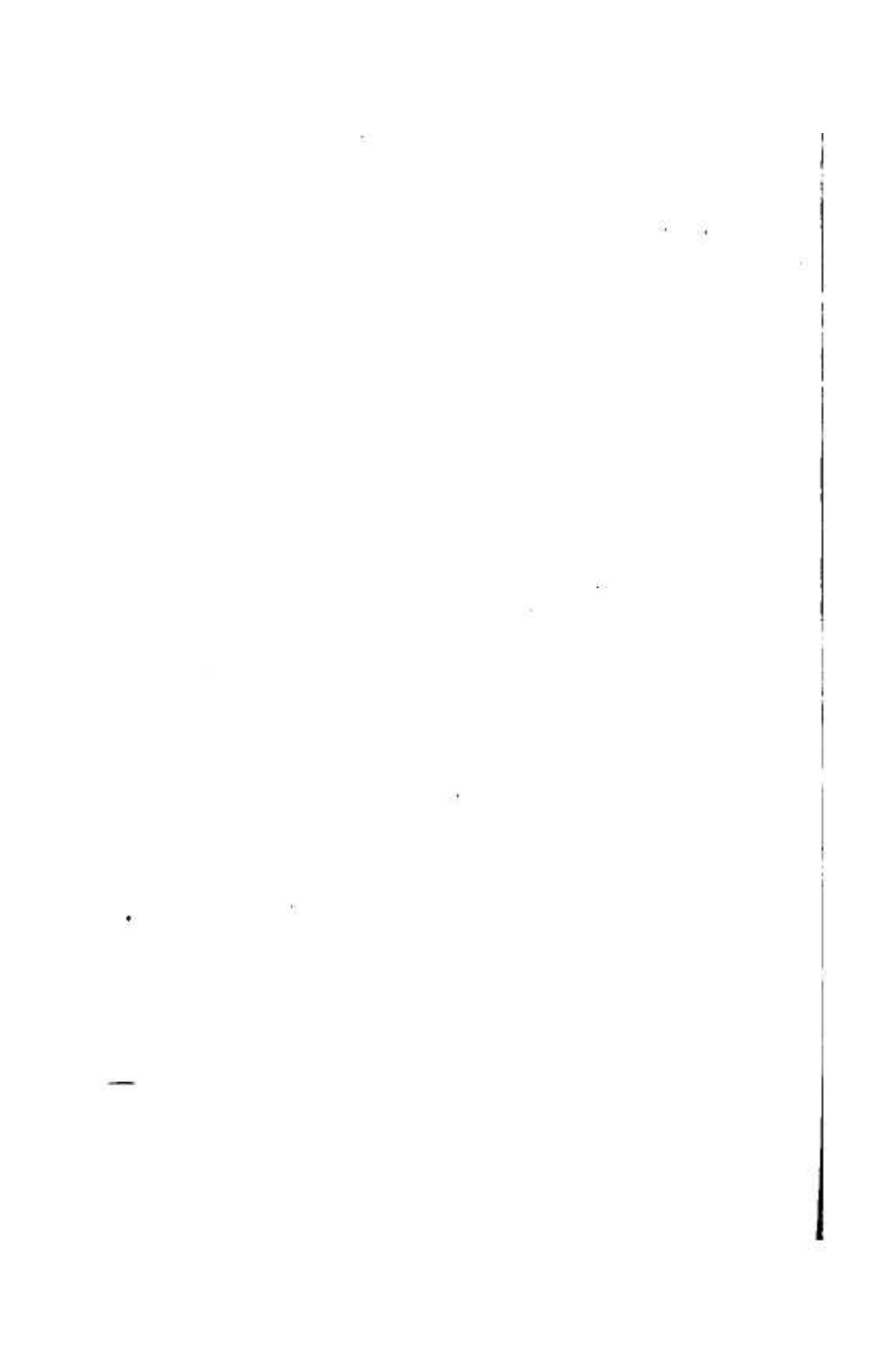
This 'One Gospel' is
Lovingly and Gratefully
Inscribed.

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INTRODUCTION.

FORASMUCH as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eye-witnesses, and ministers of the Word; it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, that thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed. This treatise have I made, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after that he, through the Holy Ghost, had given commandments to the apostles whom he had chosen: to whom he shewed himself alive after his passion, by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.



A WORD PREFATORY.

HE who prayed, "Order my steps in Thy Word," first said, "Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy Law." The true child of God loves His Word and craves every help to its devout study.

The four Gospels have been aptly styled "Four Witnesses." In a court of law, after witnesses have taken the stand, it is of great importance so to sum up their testimony with care and skill, as to present at one view every particular detail of the evidence; avoiding both omission and repetition, and at the same time bringing unity and harmony out of seeming diversity and divergence.

Somewhat such is the aim of this work. Each Evangelist furnishes some matter, found, if at all, not so fully, in the other records. We have sought to blend all the various features of the four narratives into one, without losing whatever is distinctive in each. Where words or phrases are retained which seem almost equivalent, we have chosen the risk of repeating, rather than of losing even a slight shade of meaning needed to complete the inspired picture of the life, words and works of the Son of God; and have sought to secure a full rather than a smooth rendering.

The text of the authorized version has been closely followed, without the italics which there mark words supplied by the translators; and, to avoid confusion, using the word, "demon" for "devil," where evil spirits, not Satan, are meant. Paragraph divisions, as determined by the plain sense of each passage, have also been adopted to avoid the loss of connection and continuity.

Without taking the place of the four gospels, this book may be an aid in their study, a commentary wholly biblical, whereby the reader may, at one view, see the complete and harmonious testimony of four independent witnesses. In this