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PREFACE

A MAN named Jesus claims to be the incarnate Son of God. Whence has he come? From "the glory which he had with the Father before the world was." What is he doing here? He says that he has come into the world to teach the truth; "To this end was I born and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth" (John xviii. 37).

He finds a book in the hands of the people which is generally regarded as true and trustworthy every way. They hold it to be an "infallible rule of faith

and practice," that is to say, it is their ultimate authority in doctrine and ethics. This book is constantly before him. What will he do with it? What will he have to say about it?

This question is one of supreme importance to those who profess to follow him. As to others, they are at liberty to believe what they like; but those who call themselves disciples of Jesus have no alternative but to renounce him or to accept what he says. His Court is the Court of Last Resort, for them. It is just as well to remember this, in these controversial times. There are teachers and teachers, but there is only one teacher for Christians. When Hillel and Sham-mai have spoken their last word, we await his "Verily, verily, I say unto you." Any man is at liberty to quit Christ; but no man can cleave to Christ and withhold aught of loyalty from him.

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