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## PREFACE

IN accordance with the aim of this series, this volume seeks to present to those interested in the New Testament the best established results of careful yet fearless scholarship. The claim is not made that it is an original contribution to the difficult problem of the origin of the synoptic gospels. To gain, however, real insight into the message of Jesus to all time in these first three gospels an independent and protracted investigation of the material had to be undertaken. Of course, only results are given, and these must be given in untechnical terms. So far as possible, each position taken has been carefully weighed and tested, but the arguments by which conclusions have been reached can only be hinted at. When, many years ago, the writer first began to independently study the three first Gospels in their relations one to another, the discovery was made that these inter-relations invested them with new charm, and fresh fields of inquiry were at once opened up. In the light of this inter-relation many familiar passages have acquired greatly increased significance. It is earnestly hoped that a study of these synoptic Gospels from a point of view, new to some, may make the simple beauty of the story of Our Lord's life and work more real to many. Such a volume is not a substitute for careful independent

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work on the part of the reader, but is intended to incite to such study, and in some measure to guide and direct it. The writer's endeavor has been to gain, so far as possible, the very words of Jesus; for this purpose recourse had to be had to every aid to the recovery of the exact words and the original literary form of the discourses of Jesus. Then it was sought to put these before the reader in a way that would suggest again the rhythmic beauty of the original teaching. The material of the teachings of Jesus had to be arranged in a systematic way, and then, by paraphrase, the content conveyed to the student. The side headings are intended to indicate the essential thought of the passage. The author's thanks are due in a very special manner to the editors of the series, whose kind and considerate co-operation has been of the highest value. To Professor Briggs and to Professor Frame, of Union Theological Seminary, are also due most hearty thanks for reading the manuscript and making many kind and helpful suggestions and corrections. That the ideal of the author has not been reached it is needless to say. The task of condensation involved many sacrifices and much hard work. The object of the series prevents references at length to the authorities used, but the debt to many is a heavy one. It is, however, impossible not to make mention in a special manner of the writer's obligations to Professor Bernhard Weiss. Since student days in Berlin, in 1882, when first his lectures called the author's attention particularly to