What Difference Does Christ Make?

The Meaning of His Lesson

We cannot face faith without asking the question, "What about Christ?"

"It keeps getting greater! Nobody can paint it."

The Problems People Have

1. The Varying Interpretations of Christ
   - Particular Race, Denomination or Creed
   - People who try to make Jesus theirs
   - Behind the Dressing is the Truth
   - Study the Whole Record, not one part of it

2. Did He Really Exist?
   - After the more critical evaluation, well attested
   - Julian the Apostate
   - George Bernard Shaw

3. Why Get Narrow and Exclusive?
   - One Name for salvation
   - The Lion's Mountain Peak, the Greatest Son
4. So many people were named his name, don't care!

- They are fake in every area of endeavor.
Greatness In An Unlikely Place

1. The Unlikely Place
   - Female, Occupied Country
   - Desires, Stubborn People
   - Can Any Good Thing Come Out of Nazareth?

2. Yet History Has scarcely gotten over Him
   - D. N. Prime - Mambly

   - John Dinkinsater wrote a little verse ridiculing it.
   - Not much - but the widow putting flowers on the grave.

His Great Humanity

1. His Deep Love of People
   - Went to Weddings and Enjoyed Life
   - gave Himself to Children and Women
   - The Sinners and Outcasts Came to Him
   - His Disciples were a Miscellaneous Lot

2. His Wonderful Simple Wisdom
   - "Blessed are the Pure in Heart..."
   - "The First Will Be Last..." - Planting Deeds
   - "The Story..." - Good Samaritan
3. His Most Grandeur

- Nicodemus Who Came at Night.
- The Dying Thief Who Was Drawn to Him.
The Deep Mark of His Divinity

1. He Said He And His Father Were One
   - He Who Would See God Must See Him.
   - Not His Teaching, But What He Did Himself.
   - This Stopped Men and They Call Him a blasphemer.

2. He Forgave Men Their Sins
   - The Man on the Cot Lowered Through the Roof.
   - The Woman at the Well.

3. He Claims To Be Life Itself
   - Sat at a Tomb and Said He Was Life.
   - Then Death Could Not Hold Him.

4. All His Words Are Seen from Within Fette
   - A Man Must Try Before His Will Mean
   - The Remonstrance, Claims of Paul
     - God Dwelled in Him - Creator
     - Reconciles Man to Himself.
Christ Is With Us Today

1. He lays the deepest claim on your life.
   - On the deepest center of life.
   - Claim your deepest loyalty.
   - Rich young ruler on the hearth of great love.

2. How He offers all the riches God has
to give. House of Heaven. Francis Thompson
   - Forgiveness.
   - His Presence for every situation.
   - And in the end Life Everlasting.

Still with unceasing chase,
And unceasing grace,
Deliberate speed, majestic distance
 Came on the following feet
And a voice above their beat—
"Naught shelter, tree, who wilt not shelter me."
- The dark last day of the Civil War.
- Heavy fighting at Richmond.
- Confederate lines, dotted with fires.
- Sentinels found out that the Confederate Army was celebrating the birth of General McNett's newborn baby.
- By order of General Grant, the Union Army celebrated.
- Graceful letter of congratulation sent through line.
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The Sanctuary Choir has just sung WITH A VOICE OF SINGING by Shaw. The Offertory Solo SHEPHERD, SHOW ME HOW TO GO by Rootson will be sung this morning by Miss Lois Marinko, mezzo soprano.

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Before we return to the Sanctuary let me say again how happy we are that you are with us today. We hope that this service will be a source of blessing to you. If you are in need of spiritual counsel or guidance please feel free to call our office ED 4-6981 so that we might have the opportunity of visiting with you. The doors of this church are always open to those who desire to meet God and walk with Him. It is not our house but rather his house. It is not our invitation but his invitation to you whatever your name or need and it is in his spirit that we bid you welcome.
Going Into A Far Country

0. The Old Testament
   - Greatly neglected, yet a tremendous book.
   - Creation, Man, Sin, God's Feeling.
   - The Law and The Prophets.

1. The Account of Abraham
   - Father of Faith. Ready to Believe God.
   - The father of a Nation, The Covenant,
   - The coming of A Son.
   - Abraham's offering of Isaac.

"Going Into A far country"
(3) The Whole Of Abraham's Life - A Pilgrimage
- That life is a constantly moving experience.
- Physically, intellectually, spiritually.
- Going back to some place.

(4) Abraham Used To Believe God
- That God would live up to His promises.
- We can trust God.

"When thou passest through the waters, then shall not the waters overflow thee;""Thou shalt walk upon the sea, and the rivers shall not swell thee."
"If any man hears these words of mine, and does them, ..."
"If any man is crucified to the world, he is a new creature."
"If God be for us, who can be against us?"
On being moved with a far country
- Many ways of going into a far country
  (1) Life itself is hard
  (2) When you go off to college
  (3) When you fall in love
  (4) When you lose your loved one
  (5) When you decide to accept a new responsibility

  Spiritually, this is free
  - The decision to give yourself to Christ
  - The awakening to larger dimension of the Church and God

- Death itself

(6) First place he marked as when he had

Will God
(1) Some place when you decease
(2) Arm sale -
Greetings

- Something you are grateful for.

2. The State Convention

- In Jessee tomorrow a.m.

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4. Training

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