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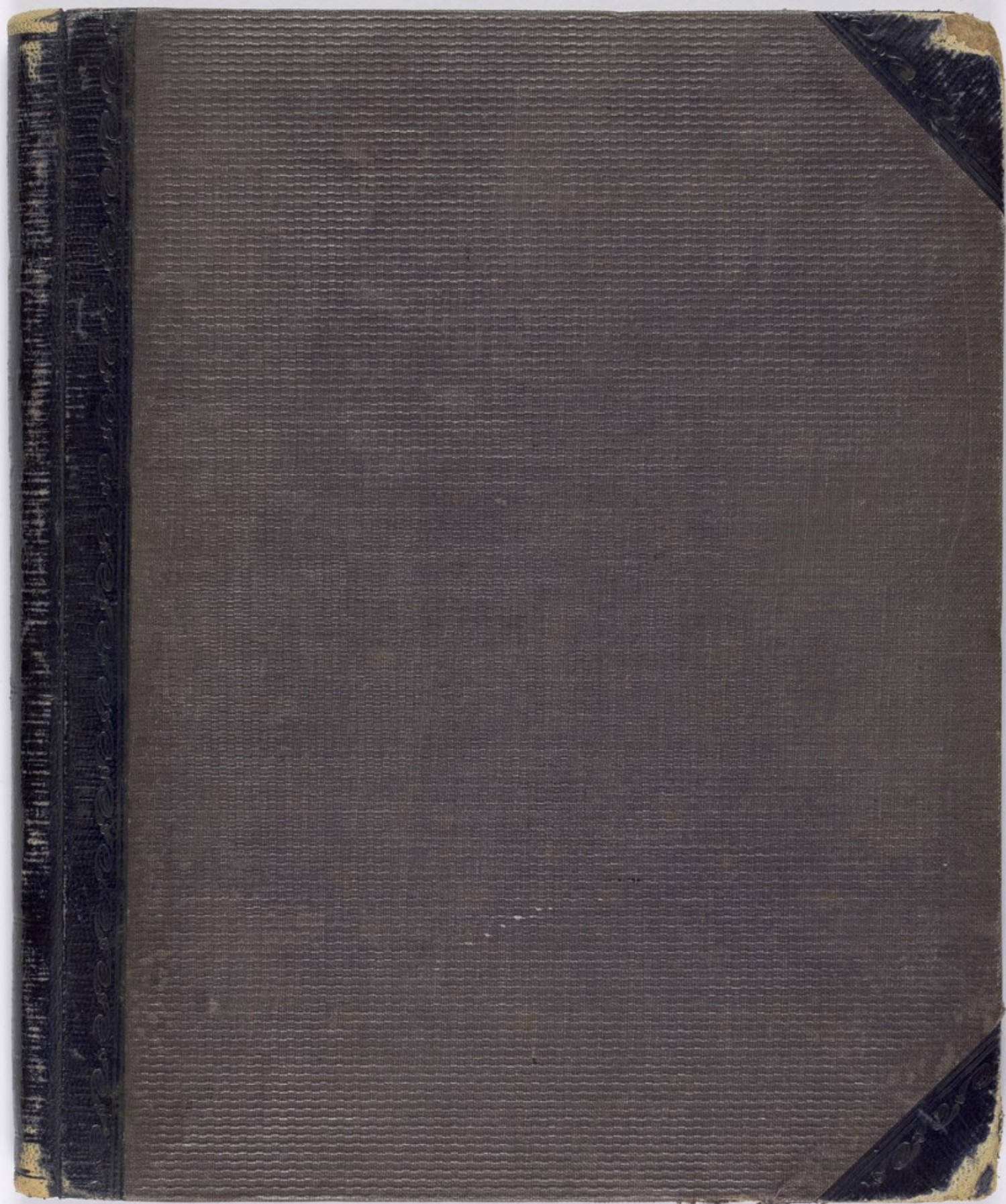
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Notes of Lectures
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The Life & the Teaching of Christ -

Lecture I. Oct. 11. 1864 -

(Reasons for the choice of subject. The life of Christ as the center of the world's history, the foundation of Theology.)

The subject upon which I propose to lecture during the present session is, (as I have stated in the calendar), 'the life & the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ' as taught in the gospels. I have been induced to select this subject by having had frequent occasion to observe the ignorance prevalent with regard to it even amongst educated people. I do not mean that such persons are generally unacquainted with the main events of our Lord's Ministry as a whole, but more especially to the ignorance so commonly evinced respecting the order in which those events occurred. Many of you (you understand) will probably be surprised to hear that the whole of the facts recorded in the gospels

...the world's history...
...the preaching of John the Baptist...
...the commencement of our Lord's ministry...
...the application of our Lord's teaching...
...the special circumstances of the Jewish nation...
...the materials (not say) with which it had to operate...
...the state of the heathen world at that period...
...the progress it had made in the dissemination of truth...
...the extent of its falling away from it...
...Christ's life was emphatically the great central point of the world's history...
...all things previous had been converging towards it...
...it formed the starting point of a new life of the world...
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five chapters of St John's Gospel precede, in order of time, the preaching of John the Baptist & the commencement of our Lord's ministry - Again much guidance exists with regard to the application of our Lord's teaching to the special circumstances of the Jewish nation at the time, to the condition of the materials (not say) with which it had to operate; with regard also to the state of the heathen world at that period, of the progress it had made in the dissemination of truth & of the extent of its falling away from it. Christ's life was emphatically the great central point of the world's history. All things previous had been converging towards it; & it formed the starting point of a new life of the world which is even now in action. This thought occurs naturally to us all, living in these latter ages, look back upon (as it were) a perspective view of the world's history; the plan of God's government

is perhaps more manifest to us than it was to the Christians of the first century - that Christ's life was the central point of the world's history appears from the New Testament itself. St Paul speaks of it as "the fulness of time" (a). There had been preparations made for it by means of the patriarchs, the law, the prophets, the very history of the Old Testament. The whole history, indeed, of the people of Israel was but a preparation for that coming. Hence the words of St Paul, "The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ" (b) or, as a more accurate translation would render it, "the slave who took us to school he - the law made men feel the want of something better, & prophesied hopes that something better should be revealed. There had been preparations, too, as to times & dates. Indeed everywhere may there be observed a singular convergence towards this point. Our Lord himself declared, "He

B. Gal. 3. 24

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but in the new testament he reveals himself
 as speaking to man through his son. John
 1:18 is the quote to the Hebrews (2) St Paul writes: "For
 that he saith a new covenant, he hath made
 the first old. Now that which decayeth & waxeth
 old is ready to vanish away." And not only is it
 for the Jews does find indications of this
 central point, but also with regard to the gentiles
 generally. The heathen, though left in
 darkness, had not been pleased out of the
 ordinary plan of God's providence, & had
 even arrived at the knowledge of some truths
 which foreshadowed the truths of the gospel.
 3. Rom 1:14. St Paul says: (3) "When the gentiles which
 have not the law do by nature the things
 contained in the law, these, having not the
 law are a law unto themselves." And not
 less plainly also did the lives of those who
 attained not God in their knowledge" show
 that things were coming to a crisis. Both
 moral truth & the immorality of wickedness
 had reached their height. Men had attained

the Spirit of the Law, not the letter. The Spirit of the Law is the
 law written on the heart. The letter is the law written on
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down on the right hand of the Majesty our
 light." The life of Christ is the groundwork
 of all theology in another sense. Theology,
 if we take it in its etymological & correct
 meaning, signifies 'a word coming from
 God, revealing God'. True theology therefore
 must rest upon true thoughts respecting
 God: errors spring from our imperfect
 notions concerning him. The heathen
 world had been stering after the
 knowledge of God, but in their ignorance
 had invented their deities with human
 caprices & even human vices. The Jews,
 too, though they had the revelation,
 "Hear, O Israel, the Lord thy God is one
 God!" had fallen into a hard, exclusive,
 traditional way of thinking. They came
 to imagine God the God of the Jews & not
 of the Gentiles also; & to consider Him as a
 hard task master, instead of a God of
 long-suffering mercy & of infinite goodness.

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Foolish speculations have led men to think of a mechanical, self-regulating order of the universe. Again through the imperfection of their ideas they have arrived at wrong notions of the meaning of the terms love, mercy &c. when used with reference to God, mainly supposing a difference in the nature of those attributes when belonging to God & when belonging to man. The life of our Lord Jesus Christ, however, dispels all difficulties: in Christ we see God. Christ as man presents to us a perfect image of God; therefore the qualities of love, mercy &c. evinced in His life here below as man, transcending as they do all ordinary human excellencies, are a reflection of the divine attributes. The life of our Saviour is moreover the foundation of all morality, practically. Man, it is true, had always been endowed with conscience, which burned within him as the lamp of the law, (for the moral law

It is worthy of remark that although throughout the scriptures we find abundance of references to the acts & events of our Saviour's life, there exist hardly any to him directly in his teaching. From these & other facts we cannot but conclude that outside the narrow circle of those who had personally seen Christ, less knowledge existed at first among the converts at Rome & Athens with respect to our Lord's teaching, than that which is furnished to us in the complete New Testament. The state of knowledge at those churches was probably as follows. The original preachers of Christianity gave an account of Christ's acts as usual; & upon that evidence the first converts were led to believe that Jesus was the Son of God, & were baptised. Afterwards they were visited by disciples & apostles who had personally been with our Lord, & from them was derived a knowledge of his teaching. Several attempts were made to gather up the fragments which

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were thus dispersed; & it is a fact not without significance that such attempts generally - almost universally - aimed at a record of the events of the Saviour's life, rather than of His teaching. Wonderful as was the latter the primitive Christians did not seem to have considered that their faith rested rather upon the testimony of Christ's acts than upon a system of moral teaching. The Apostle Paul himself writing to the Corinthians says, "I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ & him & Glorified." (1)

There is no doubt that the broad facts of the gospel history were speedily diffused throughout the Christian Church, & so, though the people themselves were destroyed, we still nevertheless have a large collection of those facts distributed throughout the other writings of the New Testament. We may take a few examples.

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 had a number of his sermons & tracts
 1827. In the year 1827 he was in England
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In Heb: viii. 14 it is stated as a known fact that our Lord is "sprung out of Judah"; again in Rom. I. 13. that he was of the seed of David. In his address to Cornelius, Peter speaks of the facts of the gospel as being generally known (2): That word, I say, ye know which was published throughout all Judaea, & began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost & with power: who went about doing good, & healing all that were oppressed of the devil: Now in the above quotation we have evidence that the early church were acquainted with the history of the baptism, of the descent of the Spirit, & of our Lord's ministry, as also with the date of the commencement of his ministry. Among other facts also referred to as known, we may mention:

- a. Heb: ii. 18 In the temptation in the wilderness (2), (17) the
- b. Heb: v. 7 - scene in the garden of Gethsemane (3), (1)

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These traditions of the apostolic age are, such as are preserved, uncertain, obscure, & meagre. Two or three sayings, however, recorded by the fathers may perhaps be really traditional, such for example as the following. Clement quotes as an injunction of our Lord to his disciples these words: "Be ye trust worthy money-changers; which may possibly have been spoken in connection with the parable of the talents. Another tradition also is extant, which, though at first startling, seems to be not inconsistent with our Lord's teaching. It is said that he saw a man working on the Sabbath, & that he thus addressed him: "If thou knewest what thou doest, blessed art thou, but if thou knowest not thou art thou cursed." This may mean that if the man's conscience were clear about the propriety of what he was doing, (being

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an act of necessity or expediency; then he was
justified in working; but if not, it was a sin;
the same principle being alleged as that set
forth by St. Paul in Rom: viii. These two
sayings are the only ones that have reached
us wh. at all resemble our Lord's teaching
as recorded in the gospels; but there are
many others preserved utterly at variance
with it. Thus one writer says that
Christ prophesied that there should be
in his Kingdom 10,000 lime-trees, each having
10,000 branches &c; a story savouring more
of the Koran, than of the New Testament. Again
we have recorded as traditions what appear
to be merely distorted inferences from the gospel.
Thus from the expression, "the acceptable year
of the Lord" (a) some one concluded that
our Lord's Ministry lasted but one year; so
also from John iii. 34. "I know are not yet
fifty years old", that He remained on earth
for upwards of that time. Similarly the
disciple mentioned in Luke ix. 59 is said to

at Luke xv. 19

have been S. Philip; the woman who washed
 Luk. xii. 57. Jesus' feet & wiped them with her hair (2)
 is said to have been Mary Magdalene; there
 is a tradition also that Mary Magdalene
 was identical with Mary, the sister of Lazarus,
 & that the young man mentioned in Mark xiv. 51.
 was either S. Mark or S. Peter. But all these
 are probably nothing more than mere conjectures.

In addition to these isolated traditions
 there exist several records purporting to be
 accounts of the events of our Lord's life, which
 are commonly known as apocryphal (or spurious)
 gospels. Luke in the preface to his gospel
 refers to the demand which had spread
 over the world for fuller written information
 respecting Christ's life, than what these
 sketched. The "many" narratives he mentions
 were probably of an incomplete character,
 as he especially mentions that he had
 himself had "perfect knowledge of all
 things from the very first" (3). No doubt
 there was a tendency even then for men with

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service of the temple. When she arrived at a marriageable age the priests called together an assembly; & Joseph's rod being the one that budded, she was betrothed to him. Thus these spurious gospels contributed to form the basis of the Christian mythology, which furnished many subjects to the art of the early painters. Raphael's "Marriage of the Virgin" for example, is an illustration of the history above given. The apocryphal gospels profess also to present a fuller account of the events wh. occurred at the close of our Lord's ministry. They give a ~~too~~ detailed history of his descent into Hades; & how he thence conducted Adam & the penitent thief into Paradise. Dante's ideas in his poem of the Inferno are undoubtedly derived in some measure from the Gospel of Nicodemus. But independently of the absurdities that their writings contain, there is one marked distinguishing feature

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between them & the four gospels; namely that they almost entirely omit to recount the teaching of Christ; while on the other hand the latter are every where full of the glorious words of "Him that speaks as never man spoke".

Lecture III. Dec: 25/01.

(The Gospels. The act: of the Gospel of St. Matthew the other three)

We leave behind us the unwritten tradition of the early church & the apocryphal gospels, & confine our attention to the consideration of the four gospels.

I do not propose to enter into the historical evidence relating to the genuineness & the preservation of these books as we at present have them; but this subject may be found fully discussed in Daley, & it may interest some of you to work it out for yourselves. I may mention however that these four gospels were frequently quoted

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by the Christian writers of the second century, were alone acknowledged by them as authorities on questions connected with the life & teaching of our Lord. From this period downwards we do not hear of any rival gospels (not any being put forward, & whatever subsequent attacks have been made upon the accuracy of the facts recorded by the evangelists, (such as those of the 18th & 19th centuries), have been based upon alleged internal differences & discrepancies.

In the early Christian writings we find constant reference to the fact of the number of gospels being four. Irenaeus, bishop of the church in Gaul in the second century, who, himself a native of Asia Minor, was in frequent correspondence with the Asiatic churches, writes as follows: "Because no one gospel set forth the life of our Lord, it has pleased God to give us a four-fold gospel." We find

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also the four gospel compared by writers of that period to the four streams that watered the Paradise of God (2); *Gen. II. 10* to the four fountains of the earth in Ezekiel's vision (3). These facts plainly point to the existence of four gospels & no more. Thus we have no difficulty in tracing back their history to the end of the first century; we will now enquire into how the state of things then existing was brought about.

During the time of St Paul's & Peter's teaching there was probably no written gospel, at any rate none which was widely diffused; so that when St Paul speaks of "preaching the gospel" he refers to the glad tidings which he orally proclaimed. It is true that in *1 Cor. xiii. 12* he speaks of "the things which are seen" but he speaks of "the things which are seen" in the gospel; in other words some have supposed him to allude to the writings of St Luke; but this view involves an anachronism,

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Inasmuch as the gospel was not written till after St Paul's second visit to Italy, while the epistle was addressed to the Corinthians four years previously.

The origin (I take) of written records of the life & teaching of our Lord was probably somewhat as follows. Converts were naturally be eager to become acquainted with the history of His ministry on earth; & personal eye-witnesses were solicited to commit the facts of wh. they were cognizant to writing; so that at the close of St Paul's life several manuscript accounts existed. Such narratives are referred to by St Luke in his first chapter. In the next stage, those in proportion as their eye-witnesses were removed by death, those who were left became the more anxious to possess permanent records of the events to wh. the former had testified. And these writings were no doubt subjected in every church to the most severe

scrutiny before being received as gospels -
 let us picture to ourselves the process as
 it occurred at Corinth or at Rome - Some
 one brings to the church a gospel, bearing,
 it might be, the name of Matthew. This
 would at once give rise to the following
 inquiries: I. Was it the work of an
 Apostle, or if not was it sanctioned by one
 Apostle? II. Did the gospel harmonize
 with the facts already known? III. Was
 the book free from all exaggerations or
 stories continued to deceive or amuse, "un-
 happily-derived fables" as St. Peter calls
 them? If these questions could be satisfactorily
 answered the gospel would be received &
 interchanged with other churches for
 equally well-authenticated documents that
 had been in like manner delivered to
 them. This was no doubt the process to
 which the first three gospels were subjected,
 I say the first three, because St. John's
 gospel was not written until some time

Theology was received. no more...
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 17. French...
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 14. Latin...
 13. Greek...
 12. Hebrew...
 11. Syriac...
 10. Arabic...
 9. Persian...
 8. Turkish...
 7. Chinese...
 6. Japanese...
 5. Malay...
 4. Hindustani...
 3. Bengali...
 2. Tamil...
 1. Sanskrit...

after the rest. For twenty years their
sifting process was carried on; & those
narratives wh. were found wanting were
thrown aside. At last three remained
alone the four gospels we at present
possess; & it is remarkable that the
pre-eminence of these was not the result
of any special decree of a church-council,
but of the knowledge & consent of the
whole Christian Church collectively.

We have next to enquire in what
relation do the four gospels stand to
each other? In the first place the
fact at once strikes us that the
first three gospels bear a closer resemblance
to each other than they do to that of
St. John. The following are some of the
main points of difference. (I.) The first
three gospels give a fuller account of our
Lord's ministry in Galilee, while St. John
gives more prominence to that part wh.
occurred in Jerusalem. (II.) The first

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five chapters of St John's gospel give an account of ~~our~~ the early part of our Lord's ministry wh. is not recorded by the other evangelists. But - There is a difference discernible in the character of the facts recorded by each. The first three abound in accounts of our Lord's acts & parables; but St John on the other hand does not recite a single parable in the strict sense of the word, the Similes of the Good Shepherd, & of the Vine & its branches being rather portions of allegorical teaching than true parables. St John on the other hand records more fully than the others those parts of Christ's teaching wh. form more strictly a theology, that is, those wh. more particularly relate to us God's nature & attributes. In consequence of this characteristic, indeed, St John received the title of "the divine", or (more accurately indeed) "the theologian".

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 Evangelists were indicated by several
 early Christian writers. Thus some
 speak of St John's being a spiritual, while
 the rest others were outward & corporeal
 gospels; the latter ^{spiritual} however being
 given to prove objections. Others again
 likened them to the four forms of the
 Cherub: thus the Man was said
 to be typical of St Matthew, who gave
 prominence in his gospel to those accounts
 that related to our Lord's human nature,
 the Lion, of St Mark who recorded more
 especially His acts of kingly power; the
 Ox, emblem of the sacrificial victim,
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 by them; (117) that St John's gospel appears
 to be controversial; & was probably written
 to confute heretics & correct misconceptions
 arising from false interpretations of the
 others. This note, more especially perhaps
 than the rest, it is time to testify that
 Jesus is the Son of God. Thirdly, a point
 of detail is brought forward, ^{in support}
 viz. that John pre-supposes ^{that} ~~readers~~
 his readers were acquainted with the
 narrative of St Luke (2) with reference
 to Mary hearing Christ's feet & with
 her tears & wiping them with the hairs
 of her head. He also presupposes, it is
^{likely,} a knowledge of St Matthew's
 & of St Mark's gospels.
 With this theory, however, I do
 not myself agree. Had St John known
 writing had the other gospels before him,
 he ^{should} have most carefully avoided
 placing any stumbling-blocks in the

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way of his readers. In reality, on the contrary, there exist in his account several ^{apparent} discrepancies when compared with those of the other evangelists. Thus from the first three gospels we gather that the day of the last supper was the first day of the feast of passover; while St John (2) uses language which would first sight lead us to suppose that the feast would not commence until the next day. Again St Mark tells us that the crucifixion took place at the third hour of the day; but St John mentions that it was the sixth hour when Pilate was sitting in judgment.

The apparent supplementary character of the gospel may be accounted for by the fact that there was in St John's time a wide spread of traditional knowledge of the events recorded in the other three gospels. So when he refers to certain events as known to his readers

it by no means follows that they derived their acquaintance with them from any written source.

Lecture II. Nov. 1/04 -

(The special characteristics of each gospel -

We proceed to-day to consider the special characteristics of the four gospels, & to investigate what is known about the authors, their purpose, show how their writings harmonize with each other in internal structure & general contents. We enter first upon the consideration of St. Matthew's gospel.

It may be remarked with regard to the name affixed to this book, that had not been really the work of St. Matthew some other apostle more noted in the world than he w^{ld} probably have been fixed upon by tradition as the author.

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In the first place, the very title in the opening of that gospel, "the book of the genealogies of Jesus Christ," points to its adapt-
for Jewish Christians - We find similar genealogies in the Old Test-
in Gen. 11, Gen. 12, Chron. I &c. This method of opening with a genealogy wd. be almost unintelligible to a Gentile reader, but wd. have much weight with a Jew, proving as it does his Saviour's descent from Abraham & from David, in whose line was expected the promised Messiah.
Again Matthew continually appeals to the prophecies of the Old Testament, a species of evidence wd. w. come with peculiar force to the Jews. Thus in Matt. I. 23. we are referred to Isaiah. 53. 10 as to the circumstances of the Saviour's birth; in Matt. 2. 6. Micah 5. 2 is quoted with respect to His birth place; Jer. 31. 15 is cited as a prediction of the massacre of the innocents recorded in the 2nd chapter;

2. Matt. 14. 18. It is our Lord's leaving Nazareth (2) is pointed out the fulfilment of Isaiah 11. 1. In Matt. 12. 23, (That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, He shall be called a Nazarene) It does not quote an isolated prophecy relating to the Messiah, but seems to be pointed by the general spirit of prophecy & seems to have in view the meaning of the Hebrew 'nurel' the branch as applicable to our Lord - Again in Christ's beginning to teach in Nazareth & Nazareth the fulfillment.

3. Matt. 11. 13. of Is. 11. 1. 2 is pointed out (3). In some cases moreover when prophecy was seen to have had a distinct historical as a complement, it is applied by Matthew specially to the events of our Lord's life. Another also the prophecy appears to admit of a fuller & higher application than that which the context particularly admits. Thus y. 16. 17. in Matt. 23. by the prophecy of Isaiah (4), "Himself took one infirm and bore one sickness," is quoted in connection with



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At any rate it is obvious that it
was written for foreigners; & we are
led to this conclusion by such facts
as the following. In the first place
St. Mark omits the genealogies &
references to Jewish forms in St. Matt.
wh. wd. have been comparatively
without force to the Gentile converts
Christians, & commences at once
with the account of our Lord's acts.
Another circumstance in favour of
this view is the manner in which
places in Palestine are mentioned,
an explanation being generally ap-
-pended, as if the reader were un-
-acquainted with them. Thus we
have the expression "the River Jordan",
not Jordan simply, as wd. have
been the case had the gospel been
intended for the use of Jews. Similarly
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Lecture V. Nov. 8. 1861 -

(The special characteristics of such gospel.)

We have to-day to speak of the two remaining gospels, those by St. Luke & St. John. Our inquiry will arrange itself principally under three heads: -

- I. With regard to the birth of the writer;
- II. With regard to his purpose;
- III. With regard to the int. audience of the purpose.

First, as regards his history, we know that St. Luke was also the author of the Acts of the Apostles, wh. as well as his gospel is addressed to Theophilus, by some supposed to be a local individual, but by others an impersonation (as it were) of a believer generally.

Turning to the Acts we observe a remarkable change of style in different portions of the book. In its commencement the ordinary third person of the historian is employed; but on arriving

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at the 16th chapter the diction is suddenly altered, & in verse 10 the first person is adopted: thus, "After he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia." From this it will appear that Luke accompanied St. Paul from Troas to Philippi where he appears to have remained for a time but to have rejoined him on his return to that place (2). The first person plural is now continued until St. Paul arrives at Jerusalem, & is again resumed when he starts from Caesarea on his voyage to Rome, at wh. city he probably remained with him some time. Here ends the account we can gather from the Acts; but we may push our enquiries a step further - In the last chapter of the Epistle to the Colossians, St. Paul sends a number of salutations, first giving a list of Jews, afterwards of Gentiles,

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spent in Palestine between Paul's arrival at Jerusalem. His departure for Cilicia gave him ample opportunity for collecting materials for his account. And we shall not be surprised that he, being himself a Gentile, should select more particularly in his writings those matters especially affecting the Gentiles.

The title of the Acts of the Apostles is in some respect a misnomer, as the book, with the exception of the opening chapter, is almost wholly occupied with the actions of only two of the number, Paul & Peter (St. Peter it is true is mentioned once or twice, but only cursorily). The subject of the writer appears to have been to make clear the relative position of those two apostles toward each other. From Gal. II. 7. we learn that there was professedly a division of labour between them; St. Peter being charged with the people of the circumcision, while St. Paul

that the evangelist displays a special acquaintance with Herod Antipas this family. This may be explained by the circumstance that St. Luke lived at Caesarea, the seat of the court; that as a physician he well probably learnt many facts from the household he was not commonly known. Thus he mentions in speciality Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward; in 18.7 he speaks of Herod's feelings with regard to Christ; in xxiii. 32 of our Lord's message to him. He alone tells us (2) that Herod was in Jerusalem at the time of our Lord's crucifixion & that Pilate & Herod were on that occasion made friends. The same knowledge of Herod's family is witnessed in the Acts of the Apostles. Thus we have full details of Herod Antipas' awful death (3); & in chap. xii. 1 Manaboth is specifically distinguished as post-brother to the tetrarch. Further on (4) he mentions another Herod, Agrippa.

2. St. Luke
xiii. 11. 2.

3. Acts. xii. 20.

4. Acts. xxv

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& especially preserved the parable of the Pharisee
 & the Publican (21). In chapter 118 he tells us
 that when our Lord passed through
 Jericho he was one of the cities of the priests
 (inhabited it is stated by 12,000 of them), he
 entered only into the house of Zaccheus, the
 publican. He records also the history of
 the repenting thief; & by some it is supposed
 that this man was a Gentile. We think we it
 may be seen at any rate an outcast from
 religious society. In all these instances
 we trace a tendency to show the selfishness
 character of the people, & the overflowing
 pity & compassion of the Saviour.

In the preaching of John the Baptist
 recorded in the beginning of the gospel we
 detect a similar spirit when he declares
 that "God is able of these stones to raise up
 children unto Abraham," implying that
 the Jews would not always be the only
 children of Abraham. Even the genealogy
 given in the gospel is not without its

Luke 11:20. The Pharisee said, I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I produce, but thou hast not kept the commandments of God.

Luke 18:11. A certain Pharisee stood up and said within himself, I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I produce.

Luke 18:12. And a certain publican stood up and said, O God, be merciful to me a sinner.

Luke 23:42. And he said, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

Luke 23:43. And he said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Luke 23:44. And when it was now about the sixth hour, there was darkness over all the land, until the ninth hour.

Luke 23:45. And the sun was darkened, and the moon became as blood, and the shadows of the mountains were cast long.

Luke 23:46. And Jesus said, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. And he said, I forgive thee.

Luke 23:47. And the thief hanged next to him said unto him, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

Luke 23:48. And he said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Luke 23:49. And the women that followed Jesus, when they saw these things, they bewailed and lamented very much.

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significance, tracing back as it does the
 Division's descent to Adam, to not stopping
 like Matthew at Abraham. There is
 another circumstance, too, to be especially
 noticed. St. Luke alone records, the
 appointing of the seventy. Now the
 number twelve, the number of the inner
 circle of the apostles, was typical of the
 twelve tribes of Israel; & in like manner
 the number seventy w^{ch} appear to have
 had reference to the Gentile nations, of
 which seventy were included in the
 Jewish ethnology. Consequently this
 second choice of disciples w^{ch} typify that
 Christianity was intended not for the
 Jews only, but for all the peoples of
 the world.

(See characteristics of people of St. Luke's p. 21.)

Lecture to Nov. 15/04.
(The state of the heathen world at the time of our Lord's
ministry - Rome, Greece, Egypt & Asia.)

We are speak to day of the state of the heathen
world at the time of our Lord's ministry. It
will be well to do this for three reasons. In the
first place it has been stated by those who do
not believe that Christ was a divine person &
that Christianity is a divine revelation that the
Christian system arose out of a new ^{combination} combination
of previously existing elements of thought; that
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& order; the Jews of singleness of deity & reform;
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Shuddering - The remoteness of the period softens down these miseries to our view; & the more comely parts of the scene make a stronger impression upon us than they do. We little of the taste of the Greeks, of the educational influence of the Romans; but we can hardly speak in distinct terms of the evils that existed among them, because the words necessary to describe these are such that we cannot but recoil from them. Yet surely to estimate the influence of Christianity even these depths must be explored by us. The degradation was brought about principally by the dissolution of national religions & home ties resulting from the all-absorbing power of the Roman empire; while Rome had herself adopted in addition to her old superstitions, the empire worship & resulting vice of the East, the vice of the cities of the plains. Of this state of things we have a fearful description in the first chapter of the Epistle to the Romans. Laying aside his divine inspirations, & con-

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its consequence w^{ch} but have been productive of
 the good he anticipated. For if he had over-
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 in its ruin all true faith, self-reverence &
 self-respect & thus the evil w^{ch} but have
 become intensified. However scepticism
 may prevail, men must have something or
 other to worship. Of this statement we have
 a proof in the history of the French revolution.
 Halls in the fact that those who reject the
 faith of Christ will lend themselves to
 believe the absurdities of spirit-rapping,
 of Mahomedanism & of Mormonism. So
 at the time of the establishment of the Roman
 empire, when men lost their faith in the
 ancient superstitions, notwithstanding
 that sooth-sayers were swarming in all
 quarters of the capital, they began to worship
 success. Hence came to feel the deepest
 reverence for him who had been the most
 successful, viz the Roman emperor. Thus
 superstition was actually about to become

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the basis of a new religion for the state. As it was, the standards which bore the emperor's name were considered objects of devotion, & incense was offered before the emperor's images. When they died they were as a matter of course immediately deified. Such was the culmination of the worship of brute force. And here we may take occasion to observe that though unbelief may effect a revolution it will not maintain liberty; & that revolutions so brought about will generally end in imperialism, as exemplified in ancient Rome & in modern France.

Thus having taken a brief survey of the heathen world, let us now enquire as to what its philosophy was. We have already seen that whatever might have been its aim, it was certainly not effectual in purifying & elevating the world.

The most notable philosophers were collected at the four great cities of Rome, Athens, Alexandria & Tarsus; & by far

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 the Stoics recognized a Supreme deity
 who took an interest in the affairs of men.
 Man had fellowship by his body, he held,
 with the things below him; by his mind
 with the spirits above him. It was his aim
 to destroy as much as possible the former
 connection; but to increase & strengthen the
 latter, & so ascend above the common level
 of human nature. St Paul does not ignore
 the existence of a certain degree of excellency
 in the system of the Stoics. As thus he probably
 refers (1) in the words: "When the Gentiles
 who have not the law, do by nature the things
 in the law, these having not the law, are a
 law unto themselves." He also speaks of man's
 imperfect attempts to find out God in their
 hearts. This philosophy had no doubt
 produced some few moral & upright

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characters; such for example, as Scipio Africanus, as late, as Marcus Aurelius; but it exerted little or no influence on the multitude. Unfortunatly also there followed the result, that the high aspirations of the Stoics afforded a cloak for the licentious; & the profligates to escape suspicion, often assumed the garb of the ascetic. In this way the Stoics in the course of years came to resemble the monastic orders at the time of the reformation; that which had been the best & noblest, being corrupted, became the worst.

Lecture VII. Nov. 22. /64.
(State of the Jews in part of Palestine. Jewish Sect. Pharisees.)

Having in the last lecture taken a general survey of the heathen world, we have now to examine the state of the Jews at the time of our Lord's ministry. And it will be well to commence our inquiry by glancing

at the end of those Jews, who were scattered through the various cities of the Roman empire; for it has been supposed by some that these effected much good among the heathen with whom they dwelt, & even prepared the way for the preaching of the gospel. This statement maybe in some measure true, inasmuch as they undoubtedly carried with them the idea of one God in oppos^d to the prevalent polytheism, & in their scriptures were contained the ten commandments embodying a far more perfect system of morality than the philosophers of antiquity had been able to devise. But were I asked, what character did the Jews bear among the heathen, I sh^d answer in the words of ^{that is our such} St Paul (1) that they caused the name of God to be blasphemed among the Gentiles; that they were exclusive, avaricious, uncharitable, adding to all the evils of the Jews the evils of the heathen. Such was their

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reclusiveness that they wd even to direct
 the heathen traveller to a spring at wh to
 quench his thirst. They did not however
 object for the sake of gain to traffic in
 things pertaining to the idolatrous worship.
 They used their utmost efforts not to propa-
 gate their religion in an open way, but
 only to make proselytes; & we have the
 highest authority for believing that
 these proselytes, when made, became (4
 fold more the child of hell than
 themselves. The Roman historian &
 poet seem in representing them
 as a wayward, disagreeable set; &
 Tacitus says moreover, (though his
 statement is no doubt exaggerated), that
 within the limits of their own race & creed
 they were impious & licentious. The Jews
 were spread over many cities of Europe; at
 Rome there was quite a Jewish quarter, &
 a large number were settled at Alexandria
 & Corinth. A heathen traveller accidentally

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reflected on the punishments that had over-
 -taken them, & came to the conclusion, (and
 with justice,) that these had been the result
 of sins committed & god's commandments broken.
 They resolved therefore not to be deficient in the
 law for the future; & anxiously gathered up
 all the fragments of sacred writings that remained.
 Thus by the Jews efforts at this period the Old
 Testament scriptures were collected, Ezra being,
 it is said, the most active agent in the work-
 & Neh. viii. 16 He is mentioned (2) emphatically as Ezra the
 & Ezra. ix. scribe. This appellation had before this time
 meant merely one who wrote out the king's docu-
 -ments, his secretary-of-state, as we shd say;
 but now it came to be a title of great honour,
 & to be applied only to those who wrote out (or
 afterwards expounded) the law of the Lord.
 Thus was formed a learned order, & the thoughtful
 students of the upper class became scribes.
 This followed this result miscellaneous result
 that these began to exert in their knowledge,
 & occupied themselves in searching out

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difficult passages of scripture & making
 them more difficult by their interpretations,
 continuing as it were, puzzles upon them; &
 afterwards they attached more value to their
 own comments than they did to the text of
 the law itself. Of this feeling we have evidence
 in the Jewish proverb: "He that studieth
 the law drinketh water; but he who studieth
 the comments of the elders drinketh wine."
 In this way (to quote our Lord's words regards
 them), "they made void the law of God by
 their traditions". Then the learned class
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Comparative inferiority of the mechanic, & the agricultural labourer - The exclusive feeling increased; & the rabbis of later times were utterly without sympathy for the working men, the people of the earth as they called them. We have an example in point in John III. 10 where some of the Pharisees declare that "this people who knoweth not the law are cursed." Consequently the common people, not being instructed by the learned class ^{particularly} as to the true meaning of the word of God, fell into an entire, formal way of worship, blindly imitating the observances of the scribes & Pharisees. Yet our Lord alludes in Matt. xxiii. 1-38 to in which He denounces the conduct of the latter, who "bind y heavy burdens & grievous to be borne & lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers" (2). We must bear in mind this great chasm between the learned & the unlearned, in order the better to under-

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 even set forth their own glorification in their
 prayers to God. (24)

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 the kingdom of heaven. They did not believe

themselves sinners as other men; & they expected that in the other world also they w^d not be like other.

Lecture VIII. Nov. 29/01.
(Sadducees, Essenes &c)

We have yet to speak of one or two sects of the Jews. Next in importance to the Sadducees Pharisaees come the Sadducees, whose creed is well summed up by St Luke in Acts xxiii. 8: For the Sadducees say there is no resurrection, neither angels, neither Spirit. Some may characterize them as unbelieving sceptical materialists; but the Sadducees w^d not like the rationalists confess these scepticism with regard to scriptures. They admitted, indeed, the authority of the Pentateuch; but were unable to perceive in it the doctrine of the resurrection; in Exodus, they said, the observance of God's laws was enforced by reference to earthly gain & losses, but they saw nothing of the rewards of Paradise, or the penalties of Gehenna.

We can trace the origin of the Sadducees to the

From Labrousa & Apollonia - Philo
He died at 145 - Philo, the husband of Cleopatra
was gradually falling from health -
Ph. See Philo's Epistle to the Hebrews
Philo - King, the ally of Pompey -
his soul was carried off by the Jews
Abdemon - King of the Jews, was
the last ruler of the Jews, was
killed by the Romans - King of the Jews
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14. This letter is written by the apostle Paul to the
 Galatians, and is one of the most important
 documents in the New Testament. It is a
 letter of controversy, and is written to
 the Galatians, who were being led astray
 by false teachers. Paul writes to them
 to tell them that they are free from the
 law, and that they should be led by the
 Spirit. He also tells them that they
 should love one another, and that they
 should be kind and merciful to one
 another. This letter is one of the most
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 documents in the Bible.

reaction against the Pharisees. The etymology of
 the name is uncertain; perhaps it comes from
 the Hebrew *Pharisai* help; but others derive it from
 the name of their founder Sadoc. In any case
 they existed abt. 350 years before Christ as
 teachers of great personal holiness; but how the
 motives of the Pharisees' good works, viz. their
 self-interest, seemed objectionable. He considered
 (truly) that holiness resting on a system of rewards
 & punishments instead of upon the two great com-
 mandments, etc. but he deplored its nature;
 & said we do not love God because he is good,
 & be good because goodness is its own reward. Un-
 fortunately, however, he shut his eyes to the fact
 that God does employ rewards & punishments
 as a means of education; as well as to the fact
 that the Law, the prophets, the psalmists, all
 indicated, if they did not assert, the resurrection
 of the dead. So they came to deny it; & stumbled
 then a step further; man being merely corporeal
 they proceeded to deny the existence of spirits.
 Having thus substituted the demand of a law for the

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for declaring his own in the doctrine of the resurrection,
 & that he himself was again the third day.

The Evener (probably derived from a Hebrew
 word meaning 'the holy ones') believed that there
 was a necessity for an ascetic life. They may be compared
 to the Desert Fathers in the Christian Church; while
 the Pharisees rather resembled those monastic orders
 which had degenerated from their original position disciples
 these Eveners held aloof from the bustle of large cities; &
 particularly resorted to the dreary shores of the Dead Sea,
 where they lived in common to the number of three or four
 thousand. Like the early monks they passed the early
 part of the day in work, & met for their simple meals
 during which portions of the law were read & chants were sung.
 The net was never a powerful one & does not at all appear
 in New Test. history. One sign of their weakness was that they
 did not go about doing good; though they kept themselves
 separated from the world, they did not visit the fatherless
 & the widows. Thus they exerted no reforming, missionary
 power amongst their countrymen. Very possibly their
 life had some influence upon that of the early Christians,
 but there was the difference between the fact that the

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these two disciples (mentioned in John 1:38) who called Jesus Rabbi. He had evidently been affected by the preaching of John the Baptist. From Mark 1:19 we find that he was amongst the earliest called of the disciples; & from that time he became the favourite companion of our Lord. His name is always mentioned among the first group of disciples; & he was one of the selected three who were present admitted to the house of James & who were present at our Lord's transfiguration. When our Lord gave utterance to the prophecies in Mark XIII it was not to the whole body of the disciples, but only to Peter, James, John & Andrew. More than this within the innermost circle of disciples John is specially mentioned as the disciple whom Jesus loved. There was something in his character, more steadfast than, but yet as ardent, as Peter's. At the hour of the crucifixion St John stood by the cross, with the Virgin Mary (13); but on our Lord's request he took charge of the latter like an adopted brother. The name that the sons of Zebedee received, Branches of the tree of life, is itself a protest against the common view taken of St John supposing him to be

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