

then were the worshippers, the ready, rapt, eager listeners to the words of the Preacher, as he gave out the text:

“Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the World.”

And now we knew, of a truth, that this day’s message was the voice from Calvary, not from Sinai.

The Preacher was in his kindest mood. His heart, as well as his head was in, and behind what he said. He sought to unravel no theological entanglements. He simply preached “Christ and Him crucified.”

Beginning at the Manger cradle, in the cavern of the Khan at Bethlehem, whither the Star had guided the Magi, and found them kneeling awe-stricken and worshipful, worshipping before the Child, whom they had been told in a vision, was “born King of the Jews;” and unto whom they were gladly giving gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and homage-worship as well; the preacher went skilfully over many of the prominent events in the life of the Nazarene, selecting such as pointed most directly to His Divine Humanity, showing Him as a “Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief” and, as at the baptismal waters of the Jordan, when the hovering Dove brooded over the example set by Jesus for his followers, and the voice of Deity spake from above to a listening world: “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.”

The Preacher then illustrated some traits in the dual character borne by this “Son of Joseph, the carpenter.”