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Sermon Eleventh

My Christian Friend.

P. O. Chas. N.

As on this day we com-
memorate the resurrection of our Saviour
Jesus Christ from the dead, it will be proper
that I should give you some account of an
event productive of such extraordinary ben-
efits to yourselves and to the world —
Before I do so, let me ^{put you in mind} say, that if you
were now listening to the history of the life
of your best friend — a friend for instance
who had died in order that you might
enjoy though but for a few months longer
an existence on earth, you would not
listen to such account without saying
you would believe every thing that was
said of his virtues with respect to and his
on all proper occasions, take particular pains
to remember and celebrate his death

Jesus Christ then is that friend who died
in order that you might live throughout an
endless eternity. Being the Son of God
he partook of the nature of the Deity - but
in pity for the miserable state of man
and in sorrow that a being capable of en-
joying so much happiness, should by his
own sin be justly doomed to an everlast-
ing misery, he took it upon ^{him} ~~to~~ to make
an atonement to God for the sins of the
whole world in order to satisfy in his
own person that justice which else would
have doomed us all to irreparable
misery - For this purpose of which the De-
ity alone was then capable of conceiving
he took upon him the nature of man
was begotten of God and born of the Virgin
Mary - and in order to show upon his first

entrance into the world, the emptiness of riches,
his contempt of all worldly grandeur, he was
born in a stable and his first cradle was
a manger - In order to show in himself
an example of obedience to all lawful author-
ity, he was subject to his parents and lived
with them working at a most humble
occupation until the period arrived when
he should ^{commence} his ministry - That ministry
whose aim was to recover to the bosom
of God a world lost in sin, buried in vice
forgetful of every thing, but to pompous pride
and to feed luxury - He commenced this
his ministry by boldly declaring who he
was - by reproof, viz, both in appearance
and in reality - While he declared and
showed to the world his own authority and
high commission for the office he had under-
taken, he proceeded upon the proof of that to

Deliver such useful moral precepts as
well at the same time clear, concise
and feeling - He taught charity to all our
fellow creatures - a kind forgiveness of all
injuries, and rather to recommend our
God by our love for
ourselves to our neighbours, than by thinking
much of ourselves - He taught us
to regard one another as brethren to be
not each other's faults - and among
the rest that golden rule to do all
other men as you would that they
should do to you - And my Christian
Brethren it is not ~~only~~ the least inter-
esting ~~part~~ ^{part} of his history, that he taught
and preached ^{salvation} to the poor - and to the
rich only upon condition of their valuing
riches as they ought to be valued only
as a means of doing more good to the
poor - It is plain from the words of an

Saviour, that the angels of God, regard no
sight as more pleasant than that of a vi-
tuous poor man - With the poor our Sa-
viour lived and unweared; with them he
held his most familiar intercourse - and
from among the poorest of the human
race chose twelve men to preach those
things which he taught them to the rest
of the world - they were the most of the
fishermen - men who used remote
from the ~~city~~ grandees and unen-
taminated by the luxuries of the world -
These men he taught the sublime pre-
cepts of his gospel - he taught them en-
trust in the mercies of providence a reli-
ance upon God - and a firm and
uncomplaining patience under all
trials and difficulties - He prepared
them, as he prepares all his followers
for undergoing calamities and sufferings
in order that through tribulation they

might enter into eternal life - He taught
above all other teachers the doctrine of
humility both by example and precept -
all appearance of vain glory and thus
and ^{prohibiting} all attempt at aggrandizing and
enriching ourselves - but taught where
our true treasure should be laid up -
During a course of life in which he was
despised and rejected of men, which he
was indeed a man of sorrows and ac-
quainted with grief - he showed an
example of uncomplaining patience and
submission - but by a course of miracles
which astonished the world which raised
the dead to life - which healed the sick
gave sight and hearing to the blind
and deaf - he showed himself indeed
to be the son of God - he proved that
he was a messenger from Heaven -
for none but one from God could do

The miracle that he did —
After having thus in the course of three
years preached the glad tidings of the
gospel of peace to an astonished world
the time came that that atonement
which he was to make for the sins of
the world should be accomplished — Then
when ~~the~~ ^{reproach them} plainness with which he had
opposed — those whose secret motives
he had exposed to themselves and those
who naturally bear enmity towards
the good sought his life under pre-
text that he had opposed of a truth
the Jews — ^{Into the hands of} ~~the~~ such was
so as that he was betrayed by one
of his own disciples, whom thirty pieces
of silver enticed from his duty — Hav-
ing him thus in their power — they put
upon him every cruelty and indignity which
ingenuity could devise or malice inflict —

They derided ⁱⁿ the most insulting manner
clothed him in a purple robe, put a crown
of thorns upon his head, and a reed in his
hand instead of a scepter - and to complete
the cruel mockery they bowed the knee
to him and cried Hail King of the Jews.
They scourged him and spit upon him
and smote him with the palms of their
hands and at last inflicted upon him
that ~~punishment~~ ^{death} which the Roman
law assigned only to the most ignominious
offenders - they ~~raised~~ ^{nailed} him to
a cross and left him to perish by
slow and cruel tortures, between
two thieves - Thus he died who
~~became the cause~~ ^{was} suffering all
the agonies that flesh and blood can
bear, could say, Father forgive them
for they know not what they do! -

On the day on which he was crucified 8

died - his disciples took him down
from the cross and buried him -
Thus he lay in the grave ~~all~~ the third
day from that on which he was crucified
when an angel from heaven announced to ~~them~~
~~some~~ ^{respectful attention} of his disciples who from
~~devotion~~ had not had will to visit his tomb that
he was risen from the dead - and at
last Christ himself - the weak, the
humble and the crucified Jesus
appeared to his disciples and proved a
resurrection from the grave; proved
beyond the possibility of a doubt the
certainty of another world - another
life - and a better state of existence than
this - I do not envy that man the
state of his mind who can be un-
moved at such tidings as this -
By the resurrection of Christ we are
made sure of that, which if we doubted

we should be of all men the most
miserable, what remains, but that we
my Brethren, should imitate the life
of our Saviour - his fortitude, his patience
and his love to those who were his enemies.
That we throughout the course of our lives
should endeavour to live as he did -
to do good to our fellow mortals - and
by this means complete the salvation
of that soul - in order to enable you to
do which Christ did -

What would recommend us more to
that Saviour whose life we have just
so fully rehearsed?

Jesus Christ is at this moment stand-
ing at the right hand of God in Heaven
and interceding for you - praying that you

sin - which offend the sight of the Almighty
by - may me pardoned - and praying
that for his sake - if not for your virtues
you may be admitted to Heaven

I beseech you my Christian Brethren
by the love which you bear to your best
friends not let this intercession be of
no avail - but to do all in your
power to serve that God, who has
done so much ^{for} ~~serve~~ you

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