

PEOPLE'S PULPIT...



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Three Men and Two Women Whom Jesus Loved.

Text, "Lord, He Whom Thou
Lovest Is Sick."

Chicago, June 26.—Pastor Russell of the Brooklyn Tabernacle preached here twice today in Orchestra Hall. As usual he had a large and attentive audience. We quote one of his discourses in part as follows:

All men who have any knowledge of Jesus esteem him—Christians, Gentiles, and Jews. All men whatever their religious convictions are ready to admit the surpassing personality of the great Nazarene and his wonderful words of life. It is as respects his Messiahship that they differ. However, we submit that if he were not the special servant of Jehovah, the Son of God, as he claimed, sent into the world on a special mission, then he must of necessity have been either a deceived man or a wicked impostor. His wonderful personality and words of justice and wisdom and love contradict the thought that he was either ignorant or a deceiver. Hence the only tenable ground is that he was a deceived man or else that he was indeed the Son of God who acted and spoke and performed miracles under Divine direction and power. We hold that the evidences of his teaching overwhelmingly corroborate the truth of his claims. But here we make a distinction between the claims which our Lord Jesus made for himself and other claims which have been made for him without his sanction and without apostolic or other inspired corroboration.

Let it not be supposed that we are forgetting the length and breadth of Jesus' love for all humanity and a special love for all of his disciples, yea, for all who loved righteousness and sought, as he did, to do the Father's will. In keeping with this was his prayer for his disciples on the night before his crucifixion, in connection with which we read, "Jesus having loved his own, loved them unto the end" (John xiii, 1). And again his statement "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John xv, 13). And again his statement, "Who is my mother, and who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand to his disciples, and said, Behold my mother, and my brethren! For whosoever shall do

with the subject. Now, when we hearken to the Word of God, how plain, how simple, how reasonable, are his teachings! The dead are dead and not alive. However, in view of God's plan that there shall be a resurrection of the dead "in due time" he speaks of the dead not as extinct like the brute, but as merely asleep. They are waiting for the morning—the glorious morning of Messiah's Kingdom, when "the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in its beams," when Satan shall be bound for a thousand years and deceive the peoples no more. Instead of the reign of Sin and Death the reign of Righteousness and Life- everlasting shall begin. How beautifully the Scriptures answer the question of where the dead sleep, "Many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake" (Daniel xii, 2).

"Lazarus, Come Forth."
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What message of comfort did Jesus express? Did he say, Martha, Lazarus is far better off in heaven! He is with the angels! He is singing and very happy! Surely you would not bring him back to earth again! Were these the words of Jesus? No. He merely said, "Thy brother shall rise again." He thus implied that her brother was not alive but really dead. How could he rise again if he had not ceased to live? Martha's reply indicates that she understood what were the teachings of Jesus and of the prophets. She said, "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day." But Jesus wished to draw her attention to the present and to have her ask him even at this time to call Lazarus back from the sleep of death. So he said, "I am the resurrection and the life." You, Martha, recognize me as the Messiah, the Son of God. You believe that eventually when the resurrection does take place, God's resurrection power will be exercised through me. And now I am here with you. Why do you not ask me to exercise some of this power in advance? Where have you laid him?

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A Call For Help

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"Has Mr. Goodspeed been in the club this morning, James?" asked Mr. Marble of the waiter who had attended him at breakfast.

"No, sir; Mr. Goodspeed 'asn't been in the club this mornin', sir. Anyway, I 'aven't seen 'im, sir. I don't think 'e'll be 'ere again very soon, sir."

"Why not?"
"I 'eard the chairman hov 'e 'ouse committee sayin' to Mr. Hedwards that arter the scandal Mr. Goodspeed ort to be suspended, sir."

"Scandal? What scandal?"
"What 'appened between 'im and Mrs. Krinkle?"

"What did happen?"
"Why, sir, Mr. Goodspeed 'as 'is rooms at the St. Dominick. Well, 'e was in 'is sleepin' room the other mornin', 'avin' shaved and dressed, and was just goin' downstairs when 'e 'eard a voice. There's another room adjoinin' 'is bedroom that 'e doesn't occupy 'imself, with a door between the two. This door was locked, but Mr. Goodspeed could 'ear the voice comin' through it, and the voice was familiar to 'im, sir. 'It was a very pleasant voice, sir."

"Well, what did it say?"
" 'It said, 'Oh, Tom, dear, if I only 'ad you 'ere.' You know Mr. Goodspeed's first name is Thomas, sir. I've seen hit hoften on the list hov members—Thomas C. Goodspeed. So 'e knew the voice referred to 'imself."

"Was there no other reason?"
"Yes, sir; 'e recognized the voice. 'It was that hov 'er 'as 'ad been Mrs. Goodspeed. They 'ad been divorced some years before, and Mrs. Goodspeed 'ad married Mr. Krinkle."

"Well, go on."
"Mr. Goodspeed, sir, forgettin' 'as 'ow 'e wasn't married to the lady, but she was the wife hov another man, walks out into the 'all and hopen the door hov the room where the voice came from. Mrs. Krinkle was a-standin' with 'er back turned from 'im, 'er dress un'hooked. 'E 'e-entered without makin' 'any noise, and, gettin' down on 'is knee, 'e begun to 'ook hup 'er dress be'ind."

"Is that you, 'Oward'?" she said. "'Ow did you 'appen to be on 'and when I wanted you? You are the most inconsiderate man I 'ever 'eard hov. When you are 'ere to button my dress you can't find either the 'ooks or the 'eyes. You're much more apt to put the 'ook in the lace. You've ruined 'alf a dozen dresses for me already. My poor dear Tom, whom I treated so badly, would never 'ave been so stu-

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