

Calculus

Jesus in His wonderful life of love, wisdom, and plainness was a person not only saying "Woe unto you" but also one who was very complimentary of those who deserved it. And by the way if you or any one else are seeking compliments, seek to be complimented by Christ first. That is have the approval of heaven. None of you want to come to the judgement without such a condition existing in your life. A compliment sounds good from any good person. You have been so very kind as officials in the church and as a membership generally to say encouraging things about our work here in your midst. It sure does help whether one feels that he deserves the compliments or not. Yes Jesus was given to compliments. He said

1. "Let her alone she hath done what she could--and wheresoever this gospel be preached, this that she hath done shall be spoken of as a memorial of her."
2. "Of those born of woman there has none arisen greater than John the Baptist."
3. "I have not seen so great faith no not in Israel" said He of another.

But among the compliments of men I know of none greater than that spoken by the inspired writer concerning John the Baptist. "There was a man sent from God."

There was a man. Such do not grow on trees. In this word I can not see that he was a MANISH man or just some one with mens clothes on. There are many going around with mens clothes on that are not men. A real man is MANLY. He stands like a man when there is a decision to make between the false and true. He will speak the truth in his heart. He will not claim whiteness in his outward life and yet be black in his heart. His language will be wholesome and helpful not only on the streets but also in the home.

There was a man--a gentleman. He will not disgrace his his town. He will not harm his country. He will not slight his church. He will not disgrace his home. Your daughter will be safe in his company. He will die before he will let her be harmed. The example of Rose Bud S. *Service alone self - of hidden rule. - plenty of*

There was a man sent from the underworld. No it does not say that. This man was preparing the way for the Kingdom of God. Men from the underworld, the gambling den the dance hall and the whiskey flask do not prepare the way for Christ in the heart. If you are here to day who are guilty of any of these I am not trying to hurt your feelings, God forbid, but am merely telling facts as all of you know to be the case. These places I have mentioned might run a million years and never have a conversion. It seems that any man would desire to win some soul to Jesus during his life time but you will never do it as long as you try to hold on to the world at the same time.

John came to prepare a way for the physical Jesus as He was to walk thru the country. Make straight the way of the Lord. Now each follower of Jesus is to help make the paths straight in human hearts for Jesus to come in. For a heart to be ready for Jesus it has to straighten out a whole lot of crooked places. Jesus is not going to walk around in a crooked life. A stony heart must be broken up by the power of the Gospel as you and I preach it to our fellows and make the way so Jesus may enter.

Jno was an enquiring man. "Art thou the Christ or shall we look for another" It is all right for you to enquire-to seek information-seek proof- dig deeply to establish your faith. When you become a Christian it does not mean that your eyes are to close and that your mind is to be sealed up. But on the contrary Jesus says, "Search the scriptures--look upon the fields etc."

#2. God sent.

"I am not the Christ" This showed him to be a real man. People were asking him that question but he was man enough not to try to steal away another's honor. One of the low things in life is to try to steal away another's honor. It will be a great world when people become considerate of each other to the extent that men can win their victories without running a prejudicial campaign. The best way to win our battles in life so far as rivalries are concerned and so far as contests are concerned where each one feels that he is right to contest for a thing, is to tell your mission and magnify the good trait of your competitors. Brother Tucker. The young man begins to court the beautiful young lady who has been shown attention by another young man. If he praises the other he may win but if he abuses the other he will lose. Jno. said "I am not the Christ."

Yes he went even further than that. He said, "I must decrease but He must increase." "I have been popular with you but you are to see me fade but He will shine brighter and brighter and grow larger and larger in the hearts of men. As we exalt Jesus, self gets more and more out of the way."

John had the "Feel" of spiritual presences. One day when no one could see Jesus, John said, "I baptize with water but there standeth one among you that ye know not." "You are missing a lot if you have not that spiritual 'Feel' that with you is One standing unseen but you know that He is there."

"I am the voice of one crying"—He was taking the matter seriously. He was sent from God—God sent messenger and came crying. Do you ever feel like crying for Jesus? Does the matter of salvation ever get upon your heart like that? The wayward prodigal boy stood in his father's presence once again and the father broke down and wept but his words were choked. The boy also broke down and cried and began a new life. It takes that some times to save a soul, cry for Jesus. "I am the voice of one crying in the Wilderness". The place without roads. Out in the sinful world where Jesus has not had a path to walk in—sinful hearts. When John spoke people followed Jesus, "And the two disciples heard him speak and they followed Jesus."

This man who loved Jesus, talked for Jesus, and cried for Him won the compliment of Jesus, "Among those born of woman there has none arisen greater than John the Baptist." He also won the title from man, "There was a man sent from God." All may have this compliment.

A man sent from God does not look upon all the material blessings God has sent as toys to crush but as sacred gifts from a living loving Father. He uses them thus.

A man not sent from God passes through the beauties of this world and goes on to the corrupt. Buzzard passing by the flowers, houses, cattle, and waving grain to the swamp and the carcass.

Human beings were to be made into a train — one said I want to be whistle to blow people off the track — etc. One said I want to be the coal

