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THOU ART THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD

Int. 1

Jesus pronounced a question - Mt 16:13 - upon whose answer he will build his church; established his religion, ^{Christianity} by gospel.

The surprise of that question:
Not about the truth of the teacher's message, but about himself.
We would have expected - a question about the
- the commandment, law
- canonical theological belief
- the temple, worship

But not theological, ethical - it is personal. Focus attention on himself.
What would appear to be an irrelevant fact to the truth of religion. The personality of the question - he makes its very root of substance.

The answer of Simon Peter. Mt. 16:16 - is the very witness of heaven itself. Simon is transfigured by the indwelling presence, inspired by the Holy Spirit of God - Mt 16:17. No longer the fisherman but the spokesman for the Father, for all things through all ages and all times. Could not have seen Peter then, seen him out and out. Any more is it his but confessing to the voice, revelation, that is the heavenly heart. An affirmation from the throne, heaven.

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3. His essential, inherent greatness, desc. of showing that of no

1) A Roman historian (Tacitus) dismissed him in a sentence.
A Greek satirist (Lucian) bowed himself with a sneer.
But the verdict of the centuries: it was a blind civilization, a
blind school of historians, a blind system, which, not failing to recognize

2) The greatness of a man is to be estimated by two things:
First - by the extent of his influence upon mankind.
Second - (for no one is altogether great unless it is altogether good) by the depth
of his mind. You are unique, irreplaceable. At one the most influential of his
methods.

iii. His greatness
I understand, we do not classify his mind other.
when we hardly his name in a list being with confusion and
only with great doubt useful it is an obvious loss against a thousand
years & not one, he would yield. talk about Caligula & other
Caesars

But who would speak, you the first?
He is not the great. He is the only. Search for his name
distinct for cents.

(4) Charles Lamb - "I) Shakespeare who, who is with him
of you, all kneel, and to his & his, his parent"

ii. His greatness
(3) Christ Jesus never fell below the holy purpose for which he came.
not for a moment did he great his father. Every other life has its
moments, intense, noble; its moments of quiet as shame. But
not one fails. Always join to the will of God. Heb. 10:7

He came not to elaborate a system, but to give his life for
the world. But to give his life for
the world's sake? the world's sake? the world's sake?
The conflicts of the world But have been so largely reduced to three
questions regarding the nature of the church
the in factibility, the hierarchy
the nature of sacraments
the doctrine of atonement
the assent to his words
the inspiration, canon law

But by that it rises not in a philosophical school
theological school or a school
in a doctrinal system.
a social & political program
but for men who had been brought face
to face with the God, man, & Jesus.

