



DEBATING WITH *Jesus*

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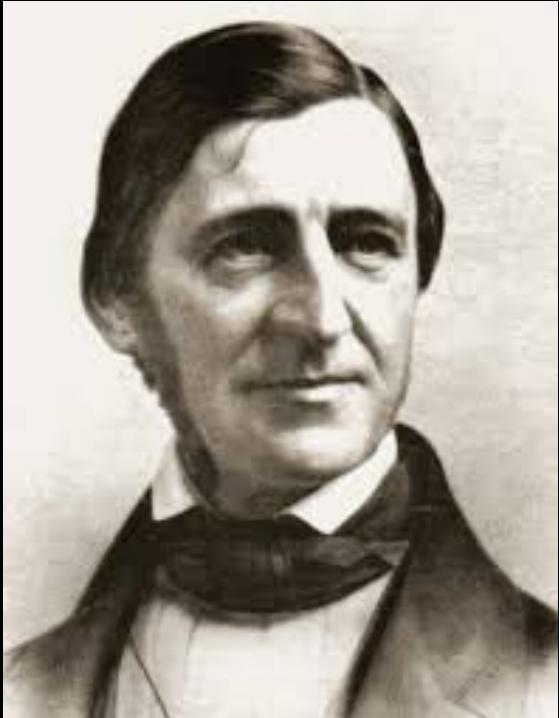
Doing so well that they cut me to just having to go to Stanford once a week instead of twice. I'll be coming home next Thursday after my appt. but then we'll be coming back down for the next 4 Sundays for Monday appts. So unfortunately I still won't be at church for awhile.

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⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” “The son of David,” they replied. ⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’?

For he says,⁴⁴ 'The Lord said to my Lord:
"Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under
your feet." '⁴⁵ If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can
he be his son?" ⁴⁶ No one could say a word in reply,
and from that day on no one dared to
ask him any more questions.





Ralph Waldo Emerson

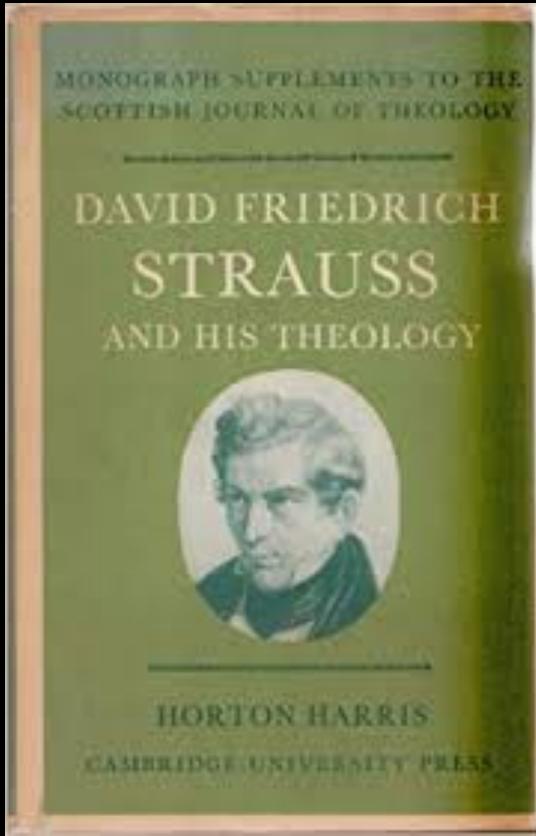
(Jesus)

“The most perfect of all men who have
appeared on earth.”

A portrait painting of Napoleon Bonaparte, showing him from the chest up. He is wearing a white military uniform with a dark blue collar and gold epaulettes. His hair is styled in a flat-top. The background is a plain, light color.

Napoleon

"I know men, and I tell you that Jesus Christ was not a man."



German theologian and philosopher David Strauss

A staunch critic of Christianity, said
*"Jesus is the "highest model"
of religion within the reach of human
thought."*



English Novelist H.G. Wells

"When I asked which single individual has left the most permanent impression on the world, the manner of the questioner almost carried the implication that it was Jesus of Nazareth. I agreed....Jesus stands first."



I. The Incisive Question

Jesus turns to the Pharisees, and says,⁴² “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?”

The Christ-
Greek spelling-***Christos***
Hebrew word- ***Mashiach***

Both mean “The Messiah”

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II. How does the question work on his audience?

46 No one could say a word in reply, ...



⁴⁵ Many of the people who were with Mary believed in Jesus when they saw this happen. ⁴⁶ But some went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.⁴⁷ Then the leading priests and Pharisees called the high council together. "What are we going to do?" they asked each other. "This man certainly performs many miraculous signs. ⁴⁸ If we allow him to go on like this, soon everyone will believe in him. Then the Roman army will come and destroy both our Temple and our nation." John 11:45-48

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III. Where does the debate lead?

⁶ Blessed is the (one) who does not fall away on account of me."

Matthew 11:6



"Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." John 8:7

"I am the way and the
truth and the life. No one
comes to the Father except
through me. John 14:6



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It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom.²³ So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense.

1 Corinthians 1:22,23

But to those called by God to salvation,
both Jews and Gentiles,-Christ is the
power of God and the wisdom of
God.²⁵ This foolish plan of God is wiser
than the wisest of human plans, and
God's weakness is stronger than the
greatest of human strength.

1 Corinthians 1:24,25

18 Stop deceiving yourselves. If you think
you are wise by this world's standards,
you need to become a fool to be truly
wise.

1 Corinthians 3:18





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