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I would invite anyone who has been tempted to be satisfied with the ideas of Christianity while rejecting most of the story to have another look at the record. "Come and behold him" as one carol puts it. Let him rise from the Gospel pages in all his humanity before you worry about what we call his divinity. Listen to him and see if there is not something more here than just a set of moral precepts. Note how he speaks so often about his coming as if his appearance on earth was decisive for people like you and me. "I am come that they might have life, and have it more abundantly." "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. It was to him that men and women were drawn- from every race and continent, personality and temperament. They all have been people who have come under the spell of Christ as a Person, and their works reflect in varied ways their communion with him.

I believe there are many here today who in their own way could make this discovery or rediscovery of Jesus, and would find that, far from being "a kind of myth" he is still a living presence and power in our lives this Christmas- 1972...

