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**J E S U S**  
*Means to Me*



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## Preface

JESUS means more than the world to me. The last name to occupy my conscious thoughts at night—the first name to enter my waking mind each morning—is “the name that is above every name,” the eternal name of Jesus.

But why?—What is it about the name of Jesus that bridges every day and night, that bridges every night and day, and goes with me wherever I might be? What is it in the name of Jesus that makes it the golden sunset of every evening, the bright and cheering dawn of every morning? Am I perhaps the victim of some sweet delusion?

By no means! Jesus is a fact. He is a tremendous fact. He is an eternal ever-present fact. He is the one sure fact around which everything in heaven and earth revolves. He was

a fact “in the beginning,” before the heavens and the earth were made.

And He is still the world’s most powerful fact today—always present in the lives of those who believe in Him, always helping, always guiding; for He has promised, “Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Jesus is many things to me. He is pardon, peace, joy, hope, assurance, contentment, and life everlasting. He is my Friend, my Companion, my Counselor, my Prophet, my Priest, and my King. And He can be all of that for *you*. Indeed, He *wants* to be all of that for you. “Behold, I stand at the door and knock,” He says. “If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with Me.”

The experiences and convictions that are recorded in this little volume are by no means to be regarded as the experiences and convictions only of the author. They are the glorious convictions of millions of Christian men and women throughout the world today: men and

women in your town, in your neighborhood, perhaps on your own street.

They were the convictions of millions upon millions who lived and died during the long ages past. They were the deep and abiding convictions, for instance, of Horatius Bonar, who lived more than one hundred years ago and who summed up all his religious experience in the well-known lines:

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one,  
lay down Thy head upon My breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
So weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place,  
And He has made me glad.*

Jesus can make *you* glad! What He has meant to hundreds of millions down through the centuries, and what He still means to uncounted multitudes today, He can mean to *you*. In order that you, too, might find in Him a "resting

place,” this book, by the providence of God, has come into your hands. If you have not learned to know Jesus Christ as the Son of God—your Savior, your Master, and your Friend—nothing is more important for you right now than that you read these pages. H. W. G.