

# Not the Way It Should Have Been

by Marcus Dods

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*The world failed to recognize Jesus as its creator and redeemer, despite His presence among them.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 24:1, Isaiah 55:6, Matthew 7:7, John 1:10, John 14:17

**Topics:** "Incarnation", "Redemption"

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## Description

Marcus Dods reflects on the profound truth that despite Jesus being the Creator of the world, when He came to earth, the world did not recognize Him. The sermon delves into the missed opportunity of the Roman Empire to welcome their true Sovereign and the lack of preparation for His arrival. It highlights the irony of the world not acknowledging the very One who made it, emphasizing the need for humanity to open their hearts to receive and know Him.

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## Transcript

"He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not"

(John 1:10).

When our Lord came to earth the heathen world was mainly represented by the Roman Empire, and one of the earliest events of His life on earth was His enrolment as a subject of that empire. If we had been invited before His coming to imagine what would be the result upon this empire of His appearance, we should probably have expected something very different from that which actually happened. The real Sovereign is to appear; the Being who made all that is is to come and visit His possessions. Will not a thrill of glad expectancy run through the world? Will not men eagerly cover up whatever may offend Him, and eagerly attempt, with such scant materials as existed, to make preparations for His worthy reception? The one Being who can make no mistakes, and who can rectify the mistakes of a worn-out, entangled world, is to come for the express purpose of delivering it from all ill: will not men gladly yield the reins to Him, gladly second Him in all His enterprise? Will it not be a time of universal concord and brotherhood, all men joining to pay homage to their common God? "He was in the world, and the world was made by Him"--that is the true, bare, unvarnished statement of the fact. There He was, the Creator Himself, that mysterious Being who had hitherto kept Himself so hidden and remote while yet so influential and supreme; the wonderful and unsearchable Source and Fountain out of which had proceeded all that men saw, themselves included,--there at last He was "in the world" Himself had made, apparent to the eyes of men, and intelligible to their understandings; a real person whom they could know as an individual, whom they could love, who could receive and return their expressions of affection and trust. He was in the world, and

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