## THE ROPES PLAINSMAN

VoLume xxviir-no. 33 THE CHRIST CHILD (A Dream) At Christrnas time most
folks think of the birth of Christ, and often re-read the
story. Seated in an easy chair, Weated in an easene our Bible
and was reading the story and ${ }_{\text {when }}$
Of a sudden a star appeared in the heavens-no ordin-
ary star, for it lighted the earth as the noonday sun and ward me. For a moment was spellibound, then its radiance bathed me in a soft
white light, and my hear white light, and my hears
leaped for joy.
As it passed on, I discove of a hill. About me I conia see sheep who were moving restlessly, marvels, they sank to t earth and buried their noses
in the grass. I saw men running hither and thither. could not understand.
Again I looked at the star Seemingly it had stopped
and, as if forced to my feet and, as if forced to my feet, I arose and walked toward it.
Outlined in the darkness was what I took to be a hotel, The light of the star bathed the animal refuge.

Then there
It was as if hasamne of
people were above singing people were tove singing,
"All Hail to the Newborn King". As I stood there enpassed by me, dismounted
hind them came men, who I took to be shepherds, bearing
in their hands their croolsfipped rods.
They, too, entered the sta-
Going forward, I stood ju inside the door. Further in by the could see a man sittin lay on a bed a woman wh one side was an infant the child, and the men who came on the camels and the if in worship, and presentin gifts.
Something within me sa
This has happened before.
The travelers rose from As they walked toward their say, "There is no doubt about was written," One of whom it
"
it is written," One of which me as I heard another one say, "Is this not Joseph oif
Nazareth and his wife Mary?

I stood apart and watched. Slowly those who had come
departed, then I saw departed, then I saw some-
thing strange. A person, who was clothed in a snow white robe, stood by the side of the man and "I heard a voice child and go into Egypt."
What great person had I heard of being taken
Egypt, I asked myself.

But the answer did come.

It was morning and I sary the man place the woman on way from the barn and th heard the woman tell he husband

There
dreams.
was in Nazareth standing by ed water for thy it furnish lation, for wom en popu ing and filling their jugs. A ar stood there I saw a famuher as the wom I recognized at the stable. As she left th well I followed her. Coming to what I took to be a ca
I had no hesitancy in fol lowing her.
Then I saw a man and , ten or twelve years old
"Are you Joseph?" I asker
"I
"I am Joseph," he answer d, "and this is Jesus," point
"He was born in Bethle
"He was,"
"I was there," I said.
aw you leave for Egypt."
Yes," replied Joseph. "W it was safe for us to retur ere
"Safe?" I echoed
Yes," replied Joseph. "You know at the time Jesus was dren up to two years of ag killed. If we had remained,
dered."
Then it came back to me in a rush-the killing of the membered the soldiers sud denly appearing and tearin infants from their mothers arms and knocking their heads against the ground un-
til they were dead, then pitching their bodies aside as rags. I could yet hear the
screams of the older children as the men ran them down knocked them to the ground
and held them there with their feet while they drove

It was a time of sorro
Then I remembered the $m$ who had given the order had ied a raving mania Time moved again. I sa ged people. The passin
age ears had covered their heads with snow, and their faces illed with lines. As I stoo before the carpenter shop Jesus came to the door, step-
ping out into the sunlight. ping out into the sunlight side my carpenter tools, for business.
As he moved away from the home he would never occupy tance. I saw him stop by the Sea of Galilee and motion to
a. man who laid down his fishing net and went to him and the
Then came tales of him
He was speaking to gre multitudes, healing the sic and bringing a new doctrin :,
"Turn the other cheek," and "Turn the other cheek," and
"Love thy neighbor as thyself".

I went to hear him.
I guess there were thouringe of the crowd, but oice came to me as plain if I was in the front row
people. As he finished speak ng it was high noon, and the olks were hungry. poke briefly, then the man valked to a couple near me They had a small basket with ome bread and fish in it. "The Master wants you
basket," he told the couple. For a moment the man Does he not know we are hungry as he is, and this is "Be patient," said the dis ciple.


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They carried him bef re Pontius Pilate, and I could see the ruler was greatly disturbed. Two men walking beside me said Pilate's wife
had had a dream, and advised Pilate to have noth ing to do with the persecution of this man.
A huge crowd gathered There was muttering, then
someone cried, "Crucify him." The cry was taken up and the mob howled for the life of Jesus. One old woman near me kept screaming, "Crucify him!" But Pilate was in no mood to crucify.
Bringing a pan of water Bringing a pan of wate
out where they could all see him, he washed his hands and declared, "I find no fault in this man.
It was then the priests of "Give him to us," they argued. "Let us try him by our

I saw them jam the crown of thorns on his head, and a trickle of blood ran down his face; I saw him slapped and kicked, then carried away
for a trial before Jewish for a
leaders.

I was not there while they were trying him, but I did see the procession when it
started to Calvary. They tried to to Calvary. The cross, but he fell under the weight of it and another man picked it up.
By this time his followers among those who hated him
I felt this man was a God and could save himself if he desired to do so. I kept
watching for something to
happen but it did not, and in that moment I decided he must be just a man after all
But somehow I loved hin, But somehow I loved him,
and there were tears in my and there were tears in my eye cross.
Two thieves were crucified beside him and one com menced to abuse him. The other hushed him and said "and deserve what we are getting, but this man has done no wrong." Turning to
Jesus he pleaded, "Lord, remember me when you co ae into your kingdom." Jesus
answered, "Surely, this day shalt tho
with me.
I had turned to walk aw when of a sudden the sin went out-it gave no light,
while forked-tongue, glitter ng, sword-like lightning split the ebon vault asunder The earth shook, and people ran screaming for safety
It was three days later I
heard the rumor, "Jesus has heard the rumor, "Jes

As I went down the street I saw people walking about who had been dead for years -people who had come out of their graves to walk a mong the living briefly, the
disappear. Then came the disappear. Then came the the disciples and they had gone among the people
speaking in other tongues and declaring the majesty of the Lord.
At that moment the door-
bell woke me, but after the visitor left I sat thinking
this lowly Nazarene had set this lowly Nazarene had set in progress a movement life after death. Even though the events happened almost
two thousand years ago, ats spirit is still among us, and
his voice is crying, "Come unto me, ye who are weary, and to me, ye who are wea
I will give you rest."


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| the little boys and girls |
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| would like to have a Tammy |
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and Daddy, nor anyone.
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Tammy who are away over in


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will in our
Grandpa's house in And be sure and don't forge
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gonng to miss them this yea
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