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IN FOCUS

The Greatest Road Show

It was the greatest evangelical road show of all time. Everybody came. People on the side of the road to beg, to die or just to watch the world go by all got in the act.

Blind beggars, lepers, pickpockets and magicians, tumblers and acrobats, hustling prostitutes, vendors of food aromatic and vile, idle soldiers, slaves in yokes and chains, and freckle-bellied folks of every color clotted the way.

Rubes and scholars and lesser messiahs and zealots, along with spies from the Pharisees, jostled the usual thick gruel of village and townspeople under the almond trees for a view of Jesus, and cupped their ears to hear that clear penetrating voice piercing the glittering air as the sun caught dust particles in the ebbing heat of the afternoon. . . .—William A. Emerson, Jr., *The Jesus Story*.

Dogma comes from a Greek word meaning “to think.”

“The Moving Finger writes;
and having writ,
Moves on;
nor all your Piety nor wit
shall lure it back
to cancel half a Line
Nor all your Tears
wash out a Word
of it.”—Omar Khayyam

It is not well for a man to pray
cream, and live skim milk.—Henry
Ward Beecher in *Life Thoughts*.

None are so empty as those who
are full of themselves.—Benjamin
Whichcote.

“As through Jesus we enter into
rest, heaven begins here. We
respond to His invitation, Come,
learn of Me, and in thus coming we
begin the life eternal. Heaven is a
ceaseless approaching to God
through Christ.”—*The Desire of
Ages*, p. 331.