"NOT A CHRISTIAN"

Do you condemn him once for all as "not a Christian."
What is your test of a Christian?
I call Christian those whom Christ would be likely to associate with if He came back to earth to-day.
Do you think He would frequent bishops' palaces?
Are you sure that they would find Him quite orthodox—in short, your kind of a Christian?
Where do you think He would preach, at St. Paul's or in Hyde Park?
 Would He explain the doctrine of the Trinity, and the efficacy of infant baptism, and the use of proper vestments at the Mass?
How the poor priests would huddle these things out of the way, if they really saw and recognized Him!
But they would not recognize Him.
He would talk of Scribes and Pharisees, and Chief Priests and Rulers in the good old way.
And how long would you "Christians" listen to Him without indignation?

—Ernest Crosby.