

believe in the books that He gave us as our rule of faith and life, including the whole of the Old Testament. It is all right to sidestep the efforts of people to get you to spend too much time on non-essentials, but that is a different thing altogether from making a statement that is contrary to Jesus' teaching.

Of course, Jesus Christ could have accommodated Himself on this matter. We don't find anywhere in the Bible a clear statement that the earth is round. I am sure He knew it is. We don't find any place where He made a clear statement that the earth goes around the sun, instead of the sun around the earth. I'm sure He knew it does, because He had arranged it that way. But we do find certain cases where He says things that imply facts that the people of that time did not know. He certainly never said anything about the earth's being flat. But that is a matter which He kept out of—that was not part of His mission. Well, He could have kept out of the matter of who wrote the Pentateuch. He could have said; it is written in the book of the Law; if they will not hear the wonderful laws that God has given Israel, if they will not hear the testimony in the books of Beginnings—He could even perhaps have referred to the Book of Moses, meaning not the book that Moses wrote, but the book that you call "Moses' Book." Perhaps He could have done that, but He did not. As we noticed last time, He speaks of Moses writing it. He says: "Moses wrote of me," He says: "if you will not believe Moses, how shall you believe Me?"

Jesus made definite statements which cannot be reasonably understood in any other way than as showing a specific belief that Moses was the one who wrote these things and who gave this law.

We must recognize that the word "accommodation" goes far beyond