

Toward the end of his life Napoleon spent a great deal of time ~~studying~~  
~~the Gospel~~ reading the Gospels, and made the following statements:

I know men and I tell you that Jesus Christ is not a man. Superficial  
minds see a resemblance between Christ, and the founders of empires <sup>of</sup>  
~~and~~ the gods of other religions. That resemblance does not exist.  
There is between Christianity and every other religion the distance  
of infinity.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Everything about Christ astonishes me. ~~His spirit over ours~~  
~~and His will confound me.~~ Between Him and everyone else in the world  
there is no possible term of comparison. He is truly a being by  
Himself.

I searched ~~vain in history~~ <sup>in vain</sup> to find one similar to Jesus Christ  
or anything <sup>that</sup> ~~which~~ can approach the Gospel. Neither history, nor  
humanity, nor the ages, nor nature, offer me anything with which  
I am able to compare or to explain it. Here everything is extra-  
ordinary. The more I consider the Gospel, the more I am assured  
that there is nothing there <sup>that</sup> ~~which~~ is not beyond the march of  
events, and above the human mind. Even the impious themselves,  
have never dared to deny the sublimity of the Gospel, which in-  
spired <sup>f</sup> them with a sort of compulsory veneration. What happiness  
that book procures for those who believe it! What marvels those  
admire there who reflect upon it. . . Each phrase has a sense complete  
which traces the perfection of unity and the profundity of the whole.  
A book unique, ~~in~~ where the mind finds a moral duty before unknown, and  
an idea of a Supreme ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Being, superior even to that  
which creation suggests. Who but God could produce that type, that