

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 ^{of}
~~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~~ ^{in vain} to find one similar to Jesus Christ
or anything ^{that} ~~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 ^{that} ~~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 ^{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, ~~where~~ 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