Why didn't God send His Son into the world that He be a Socratic philosopher, or a student of Plato, or at least one of the great political dynamos of the world? Instead,...He is a carpenter, He is a carpenter. Evidently, Joseph died....And evidently, Jesus took care of His mother and of His brothers and sisters. And He worked with His hands. His hands were callused. He was a carpenter...so that people who toil and work would feel at home in His presence.

—W. A. Criswell—