

B) A Child's Challenge



To complete his education, and learn about different religions, at the age of 19, he set off on the Grand Tour around Europe.

In the art gallery in Dusseldorf one painting attracted his attention. It was a painting that had been completed two hundred years before by the artist Domenico Fetti.

The painting showed the suffering of Jesus. A young gypsy girl had visited Domenico's art studio and enquired about the man in the picture.

Realising she knew nothing about Jesus, Domenico told her all about his life. After hearing the stories of Jesus she said to Domenico, "Well, he's done all this for you, what have you done for him?"

The artist wrote these words below the painting and when Zinzendorf read them they made a great impression on him. From that moment he knew that his life's work was to be of service to Jesus.

His greatest wish was to provide a safe place for persecuted Christians on his own vast land in Germany, but it was unclear to him how he could possibly do this.

