

REV. DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON.

The Brooklyn Divine's Sunday Sermon.

Subject: "Among the Holy Hills."

TEXT: "He came to Nazareth, where He was brought up."—Luke IV, 16.

What a splendid sleep I had last night in a Catholic convent, my first sleep within doors since leaving Jerusalem, and all of us as kindly treated as though we had been the Pope and his college of Cardinals passing that way!

Grand old village as Nazareth, even putting aside its sacred associations. First of all, it is clean; and that can be said of few of the oriental villages. In its neighboring town of Nablous is the filthiest of the East.

At that instant the eyes of one of the boys flashed fire. Who was it? Martin Luther. A lad on his way to school passed a doorstep on which sat a lame and invalid child.

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You see it all through His sermons. If a man becomes a public speaker, in his orations or discourses you discover his early whereabouts. What a boy sees between seven and seventeen years of age is his nature.

He had in boyhood seen the shepherds get their flocks mixed up, and to one not familiar with the habits of shepherds and their flocks, hopelessly mixed up.

Oh, I am glad that Jesus was present at that wedding, and last December, standing amid the guests, that wedding feast which had fallen on the village and its surroundings.

Oh, this country boy of Nazareth, come forth to stone for the sins of the world, and to correct the fathers of the world, and to stamp out the cruelties of the world, and to illumine the darkness of the world, and to transfigure the hemisphere!

plow boy's furrow and village couter and blacksmith's forge come most of our city, giants. Nearly all the Messianic in all departments dwell in Nazareth before they came to Jerusalem.

But alas! that the city should so often treat its country boys as of old the one from Nazareth was treated at Jerusalem! Slain not by hammers and spikes, but by instruments just as cruel. On every street of every city the crucifixion goes on.

They are now only the preface of what they will be if, instead of sacrificing, you help them. Boys as grand as the one who with his older brother climbed into a church tower, and not knowing their danger went outside on some timber, when one of those lumber broke and the boys fell.

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in the morning and trumpeted by the thunder of the last day. Look! There He comes down off the hills of heaven, the Bridegroom! And let us start out to hail Him, for I hear the voices of the judgment day sounding: "Behold the Bridegroom cometh! Go ye out to meet Him!"

But we must hasten on, for I do not mean to lose my eyes tonight. I see from a mountain top Lake Galilee, on whose banks next Sabbath we will worship, and on whose waters the following morning we will take a sail on the sea of Galilee.

Behold, we live through all things, famine, thirst, besetment, pain, all grief and misery. All we and sorrow; life inflicts its worst on soul and body, but we cannot die.

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ENDURANCE.

How much the heart may bear, and yet not break! How much the flesh may suffer and not die!

We shrink and shudder at the surgeon's knife, Each nerve receding from the cruel steel, Whose edge seems searching for the quivering life!

We hold our lives dearer than our own; We hold our hearts dearer than our own; We hold our souls dearer than our own.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1890. The Walk to Emmaus.

LESSON TEXT. (Luke 24: 13-27. Memory verses: 25-27.)

LESSON PLAN. TOPIC OF THE QUARTER: Jesus the Saviour of Men.

GOLDEN TEXT FOR THE QUARTER: Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered.—Heb. 5: 8.

LESSON TOPIC: The Son's Fore-shadowings Fulfilled.

LESSON OUTLINE: 1. An Unknown Companion, vs. 13-17. 2. A Sad Story, vs. 18-24. 3. A Convincing Exposition, vs. 25-27.

GOLDEN TEXT: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?—Luke 24: 26.

DAILY HOME READINGS: M.—Luke 24: 13-27. The walk to Emmaus.

T.—John 21: 1-14. Slow to recognize Jesus.

W.—John 20: 24-31. A tardy believer.

T.—Luke 1: 46-55. Prophecies of Jesus.

F.—Luke 1: 67-80. Prophecies of Jesus.

S.—Matt. 12: 38-42. Jonah's sign.

S.—Isa. 53: 1-12. Dead, but triumphant.

LESSON ANALYSIS. I. AN UNKNOWN COMPANION. 1. Religious Conversation.

They communed with each other of all these things (14). We took sweet counsel together (Pa. 55: 14).

They that feared the Lord spake one with another (Mal. 3: 16). They made known... the saying which was spoken to them (Luke 2: 17).

Exhort one another day by day (Heb. 3: 13).

II. Jesus Unrecognized: Their eyes were holden that they should not know him (16). Who is he, Lord, that I may believe on him? (John 9: 36).

She... beheldeth Jesus... and knew not that it was Jesus (John 20: 14). The disciples knew not that it was Jesus (John 21: 4).

Had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord (1 Cor. 2: 8). III. Doubters Interrogated: What communications are these that ye have? (17).

O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? (Matt. 14: 31). When I sent you forth, I lacked ye anything? (Luke 22: 35).

Would ye also go away? (John 6: 67). Said I not... thou shouldst see the glory of God? (John 11: 40).

"Two of them were going that very day to... Emmaus." (1) The day; (2) The destination; (3) The disciples; (4) The despondency.

"All these things which had happened." (1) A worthy theme of conversation; (2) A central point of history; (3) An ample source of salvation.

"Jesus himself drew near, and went with them." (1) Jesus' sympathy with the sorrowing; (2) Jesus' fellowship with the sorrowing.

II. A SAD STORY. I. The Crucial Death: Our rulers delivered him up, and crucified him (20).

They shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him unto the Gentiles (Matt. 20: 19). They bound him, and let him away, and delivered him up (Matt. 27: 25).

The whole company... brought him before Pilate (Luke 23: 1). Whom ye delivered up, and denied (Acts 3: 13).

II. The Disappointed Hope: We hoped that it was he which should redeem Israel (21).

Be it far from thee, Lord; this shall never be unto thee (Matt. 16: 22). They mourned and wept (Mark 16: 10).

All his acquaintance... stood afar off, seeing these things (Luke 23: 49). The doors were shut... for fear of the Jews (John 20: 19).

III. The Puzzling Story: Certain women of our company amazed us (22). They ran to bring his disciples word (Matt. 28: 8).

And they, when they heard... disbelieved (Mark 16: 11). These words appeared... as idle talk (Luke 24: 11).

Except I shall see... I will not believe (John 20: 25). "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth." (1) Concerning his life; (2) Concerning his death; (3) Concerning his resurrection.

"In which which concern our salvation." (1) Things which concern our salvation. (2) "We hoped that it was he which should redeem Israel." (1) The basis of their hope; (2) The overthrow of their confidence.

(1) Redemption needed; (2) Hope aroused; (3) Doubts begotten. "Angels... said that he was alive." (1) Competent witnesses; (2) Glorious testimony; (3) Prevailing doubt.

III. A CONVINCING EXPOSITION. I. The Prophets to be Believed: O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe... the prophets (25).

Believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper (2 Chron. 20: 30). Think not that I came to destroy... the prophets (Matt. 5: 17).

They have... the prophets; let them hear them (Luke 16: 29). King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? (Acts 26: 27).

The average crop of oats in the United States for the past ten years has been 684,000,000.

THE MESSIAH TO BE A SUFFERER.

Beloved if not the Christ to suffer these things? (26). I gave my back to the smiters (Isa. 50: 6).

Stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted (Isa. 53: 4). It pleased the Lord to bruise him (Isa. 53: 10).

The Christ should suffer, and rise again (Luke 24: 46). III. The Scriptures to be Unfolded: He interpreted to them in all the scriptures... concerning himself (27).

To the law and to the testimony! (Isa. 8: 20). Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read (Isa. 34: 16).

Ye search the scriptures;... these... bear witness of me (John 5: 39). Examining the scriptures daily (Acts 17: 11).

"O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe." (1) Foolish men; (2) Slow hearts; (3) Slow faith.

"Behold if not the Christ to suffer?" (1) Realizing the types; (2) Fulfilling the prophecies; (3) Perfecting the atonement; (4) Tasting man's lot.

"In all the scriptures the things concerning himself." (1) Jesus enfolded in the Scriptures; (2) Jesus illustrated by the Scriptures.

LESSON BIBLE READING.

CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS FORETOLD. The bruised reed (Gen. 3: 15).

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