

WORSHIP THROUGH MINISTRY

The International Sunday School Lesson For January 20 Is "Jesus At Work."—Mark 1:21-45

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I am far afield, amid the warring nations, studying the religious effects of the immeasurable conflict; and this lesson comes pertinently as a light upon one of the outstanding truths of today. For its message is ministry; the modern version of which is Y. M. C. A. huts, Church and Salvation Army hostels, hospital committees for soldiers, Red Cross activities, ambulance and hospital services, chaplaincies, and all the other countless forms of work for soldiers which express the spirit of patriotism and of Christ. Preaching religion has largely given way to ministering religion at the front and at the camp.

Just One Application and the Hairs Vanish

(Modes of To-day)

A harmless, yet very effective treatment is here given for the quick removal of hairy growths: Mix enough powdered delatone and water to cover the undesirable hairs; apply paste and after 2 or 3 minutes remove, wash the skin and the hairs have vanished. One application usually is sufficient, but to be certain of results, buy the delatone in an original package.

tion, but drove out the evil spirit, at a cost of tumult and violence and suffering to the victim. There is an unclean spirit abroad in our world; the very spirit of Anti-Christ; and the Allied Nations have accepted the sacred responsibility of destroying it, to the salvation of the race. The process is not easy. But it must be accomplished if Christendom is to be true to Christ.

In another phase of the story, we find Peter's mother-in-law, and the poor leper, and many afflicted ones, touched by the healing, helping hand of Christ. This represents the other aspect of the present terrible war: the ministry to the suffering soldiers and civilians and to the nations which, sitting in a great darkness, look to this war for new life and deliverance. For this is the war of the merciful heart, as well as of the strong hand.

The most observant of the Christian leaders of our time are convinced that the Gospel for to-day must be expressed in terms of service. All the modern social movements, be they college settlements or new political parties, are an expression of a deep desire for the great realities of practical religion. Ours is not a doctrinal age—would that it were more so—yet it is quick to hear that first doctrine of Christianity: love in action. Jesus lived a life before He taught a truth. His needs outran His words. A church that renders service as well as holds services catches the attention and wins the allegiance of the people of our time.

Growing Up To Jesus

Thirty years ago the idea of "so-

dial Christianity" meant nothing bigger than a church sociable. The few men who were beginning to glimpse this phase of Christ's example and teaching were looked upon as faddists. It is really difficult for the modern man to realize that this present era of the pre-eminence of the thought of social service was undreamed of a generation ago. Nowadays it is a poor preacher indeed who cannot support and vindicate the social message of the Gospel.

The plain truth is that all times are forever rising up to the level of Christ. The world around some men; Jesus it is ever striving to grow up to. Even this war is but a convulsion of progress, that will lift mankind nearer to the level of the Master.

The last word in modern social service is the example and message of Jesus. He "went about doing good." The attention of His world and time was attracted to Him by what He did rather than by what He said. His miracles were at the time his mightiest message. He spent himself to the last spark of His vitality in behalf of people. His life burned so brightly that it consumed Him in ministry. His message, beyond which no modern social preachment goes, was "not to be ministered unto, but to minister," and to give His life a ransom for many.

The modern social gospel is not a new religion; it is merely an entrance into the religion which Jesus practiced and preached. This present Sunday School Lesson is best understood as a little study in applied Christianity. It is an illustration of the modern social service program of the church. All the noble ministries of mercy that are exercised behind the battle-fronts are but expressions of the mind of the Master.

Creating a Commotion

The background of the lesson is lovely Galilee, with its rolling hills, its rich gray olive trees, so soft and beautiful in all lights, and its multitude of beautiful flowers, with the lake itself in all its varying moods,

as a constant influence upon the life of the people. These were country folk of simple ways. The wonder is that the personality of Jesus still holds true to type, even when introduced into our modern complex civilization. That life was lived among the peasants and the fishermen whose interests were few and trivial.

To them came the news of this New Teacher, with His wonderful works and His strange words. Through the countryside ran the tidings of His miracles of healing. The report strangely moved people. A commotion was created throughout the land. As women gathered at the village wells, morning and evening, they talked of the latest bit of news from the new Teacher and Healer at Capernaum. Travellers bore the tidings from village to village. The leisurely East sent its representatives to see for themselves what Jesus was doing. He created a real commotion.

And why not? Part of the outcry against sensational preaching is foolish, and part is based on the apprehensions. If preaching is alive and true it ought to create a sensation. Jesus came to stir the world. A minister may question his call if he is not causing people to talk; and to talk about the higher things instead of the lower, about holiness instead of evil, about God instead of about the trivialities of barren lives.

The Cry of the City

This story shows a city astir. Capernaum was all agog over the sensational work of the new young Rabbi. His place of sojourn was thronged, and the record runs that "all the city was gathered at the door." What a congregation of the suffering and needy the narrative pictures! So great was the multitude, so terrific the pressure upon His vitality, that a long time before it was day, Jesus arose and went into the desert place for that spiritual replenishing which he always found in communion with the Father. His disciples, excited by these new and unprecedented events, at the center of which they found

themselves, said unto Him, "All men seek for thee." The sight of a city seemed to exercise a strange power over the imagination of Jesus. He was moved with compassion when He looked upon a city in its multitude of needs. Once in Vienna I saw a picture of a modern French school, "Jesus Weeping over the City" but it was not the city of David, with the temple and the walls; it was a modern industrial city, with smoke stacks towering higher than its steeples, and with its tenements teeming with life. We know that to-day as Jesus looks upon the great urban centers of our own time, He is moved at the Capernaum crowd, or the multitudes in the capital of His nation.

The modern movement which attempts to stir cities as a whole is in line with the example of Jesus. The day of paralyzing attacks is dead. Christian leaders can no longer afford to think in terms of the single church or congregation, although they may pray rather than diminish the real place of the church. If the Gospel of to-day is able to get a hearing from the city, and to lift up the city's life, then there is profound inadequacy in our presentation of the Gospel.

The Hidden Hunger

The crowds out of sight in our modern life thrill one with fear and with inspiration. What of the mob of rioters who stone and kill and defy the law? What of the lynchings who have never had an opportunity to commit a lynching? Equally out of sight are the hosts of good people who hear the appeal for soldiers, the generous givers to all the war causes, the legions who leap to respond to the call of brotherhood.

Still other hidden hosts are those symbolized by the sick and paralyzed and blind and deaf and paralyzed and otherwise physically needy, who are brought to the feet of Jesus for healing. The amount of illness which a city shelters is appalling. The number of men and women who are suffering in their bodies is far greater than the thoughtless crowd realizes. Other and graver needs there are, all hidden from the passing eye. Beaten spirits, blasted hopes, cowering fears—these throng our life on every hand, concealed from the undiscerning by outward masks of prosperity and conventionality. The hungry hearts that about us are indicted by the way men and women reach out after every novel form of religion that appears. This questing for a new faith, which disturbs so many Christian leaders is but the inarticulate cry for help of multitudes whose need is deep and real and who, though they know it not, are hungry for the healing which Jesus gave to the sorely-smitten multitudes at Capernaum.

The Helped at Heralds

This an era of advertising, yet we have not improved upon the experience of Jesus at Capernaum, when the grateful recipients of His healing touch "went out and began to publish it much, and to spread abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could not more openly enter into a city, out was without in desert places; and they came to Him from every quarter."

A familiar catch phrase expresses the principle: "We are advertised by our loving friends." There is no form of advertising to equal this. The Gospel is spread by the healing of people who have felt its benefits. Man to man, the tidings have been borne that Jesus possesses the power to heal the sick. Because He has brought salvation and peace to a person, that person is constrained to tell another, and so the news has gone on spreading, and so it will continue to spread until the fashion of Capernaum has advertised the Healer and the Redeemer to every last man in the world.

U. S. Government Will Sell Nitrate at Cost

Washington, Jan. 18. — As a part of its program for stimulating agricultural production, the Federal Government announces through the Secretary of Agriculture, the purchase of about 100,000 tons of nitrate of soda which will be sold to farmers at cost, farmers paying the freight charges from the port of arrival and the state fertilizer tag fee.

The nitrate probably will be used most largely by farmers in the Atlantic Coast States from Long Island to Florida, owing to the value of nitrates for such crops as truck, grain and cotton, and the greater cost of freight to Middle and Western States. The free-on-board cars price at ports will be \$25.50 a ton.

County agents and local committees are co-operating with the Department of Agriculture in the work of distributing the nitrate and will furnish farmers with application blanks and explanations of how to obtain the material. If the total of the applications exceeds the 100,000 tons available, the Government reserves the right to prorate the amount to individuals in smaller quantities.

Nets of the nitrate will be sold to dealers either directly or indirectly, according to the department, and each farmer in his application must agree not to resell any nitrate, but to use it on his own land. Applications must be signed and returned so as to reach the county agents or members of local committees by February 1. The Government is making every effort to reach farmers who desire a part of this nitrate, but states that it will be impossible for the county agents or other persons to visit every individual farmer and urge all who desire to purchase nitrate to get in touch with their local county agent or a member of their local committee.

CONGRESSMAN TO SPEAK BEFORE Y. M. C. A. SATURDAY

Because of the fuel administrator's ruling, the big patriotic mass meeting originally staged for Fahnstock Hall, Monday night, will be held to-morrow night, instead. Walter M. Chandler, congressman from New Jersey, will speak at the meeting on the subject "How the War Came to America." A large audience is expected to be present for the lecture, which is for men only.

Congressman Chandler will also address the Sunday afternoon mass meeting of the Y. M. C. A. to be held in Fahnstock Hall. The meeting will open at 3.30 o'clock. Congressman Chandler will speak on "The Trial of Christ From a Lawyer's Standpoint." Miss Sara Leiner will play several numbers.

CLEAR ICE IN PARKS FOR CITY'S SKATERS

Park department officials to-day had forces of men at work at Paxtang and Wildwood clearing the snow from the ice for skating. At Paxtang large areas have been cleared and lanes have been made around the pond. At Wildwood a large part of the north section of the lake is being cleared, ten-foot lanes have been made, one of them running the entire length of the lake to the dam. The Twelfth street pond has been cleared and can be used by children during the day.

PARENT-TEACHERS MEETING. The January 18 parent-teacher meeting of Middle Paxtan township will be held at Heckton schoolhouse on Thursday evening, January 18.

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5.00	4.25	8.50	7.25
6.50	5.25	10.00	8.25
7.50	6.25	12.50	10.25

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1.00 Shirts	85c	3.50 Shirts	2.85
1.50 Shirts	1.15	4.00 Shirts	3.15
2.00 Shirts	1.45	5.00 Shirts	3.85
2.50 Shirts	1.85	6.00 Shirts	4.85
50c Ties	35c	2.00 Ties	1.45
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