

Sunday School Lesson

June 22. Lesson XII—The Risen Lord and the Great Commission—Matthew 28: 1-10; 16-20. Golden Text—Go ye therefore, and teach all nations.—Matthew 28: 19.

ANALYSIS

I. THE APPEARANCE TO THE WOMEN, 1-10.

INTRODUCTION—It is upon the resurrection of Christ that the church rests. It was the belief in this fact that aroused the disciples from their doubt, and started a new joy in their hearts. It was as witnesses of the resurrection that they went forth as the first missionaries. It still is the foundation of the Christian hope. If Christ has not risen then our faith is in vain.

There are narratives of the resurrection in each of the Gospels, but these have certain discrepancies which cannot easily be reconciled; but the general impression is the same in all.

I. THE APPEARANCE TO THE WOMEN, 1-10.

V. 1. In this double reference to the time, the end of the Sabbath would include any time after sunset on Sabbath, while the same statement places the event very near to the breaking of the morning light of our Sunday.

V. 2. Four women are mentioned in the Gospels as coming with the closing ministry of Jesus. (1) Mary the mother of Jesus, (2) Mary Magdalene, of whom Jesus had cast seven devils, and who was well known to the church, (3) Mary the mother of James and Joseph, (4) Mary the mother of James and Joseph. It is said that they came to see the sepulchre, but we learn from the other Gospels that they also brought spices for the anointing of the body.

V. 3. Matthew alone mentions the earthquake, and this explains the fact given in Mark and Luke that the stone had been rolled away.

V. 4. The angels urge the women to abandon all fear. They do not need to have the alarm which the watchmen have evidently shown.

V. 5. Their fear is needless because their Saviour has risen in accordance with His prediction. Besides, the angel bids them look at the tomb, the meaning of which is more clear when we read John 20: 5-7, where the position of the clothes is given.

V. 6. There are five accounts of the appearances of the risen Christ. The four Gospels contain one each, while Paul gives us his list in 1 Cor. chap. 15. It seems evident that the first appearance was made to Mary Magdalene. Altogether there are eleven distinct instances on which Jesus manifests himself to his disciples. In Matthew and Mark the chief interest is in the appearance made in Galilee, where the apostles had gone after the crucifixion. In v. 7, they are hidden to meet him in Galilee. Luke and John are more concerned with the appearances in or near to Jerusalem, though in the last chapter of John we have the beautiful story of Christ revealing himself by the shore of Galilee.

In general, these narratives point out several facts. (1) There is no doubt that it is the same Jesus whom they had known before. (2) Yet there are very great changes, for he is no longer subject to the laws of natural form. He passes through closed doors. (3) He appears only to believers.

II. THE GREAT COMMISSION, 16-20.

V. 18. His words are those of a great ruler. We should put the word "authority" here instead of "power." Jesus claims that he has the supreme control of the universe. Nor is the claim any usurpation, since it has been given to him by the Father. This rule or power of Jesus has no limit, it includes heaven and earth. There were signs of the authority of Jesus while he was in the flesh, as when he said that he had authority to forgive sin and to control the Sabbath.

It is chiefly in the sphere of religion that we think of the authority of Christ. He is the great teacher of the problems of the soul. His message alone is final. Moreover he is himself the message. He is the way, the truth and the life.

V. 19. The great commission. Since Christ has universal power he will be a universal teacher. His sphere of action will not be confined to one country, but will include all the nations of the world. Hence his disciples must go forth to make disciples of all nations. They are also commanded to use baptism as the sign of admission into the new kingdom. This rite was not unknown to the Jews, but it was in the Christian Church that it came to have its richest meaning. It signified washing away of sin through faith in the living Saviour.

V. 20. The conclusion of the Gospel is reached in this grand climax. There is a promise of the eternal presence of

the Messiah. "Jesus has risen from the dead, never to die again, and now his spiritual power is offered to all believers. He will give the disciples as a permanent presence, to guide, instruct, protect and rescue."

Thrilling Take-off

Occurs in Forest

One of the most thrilling airplane take-offs that has ever been performed was accomplished recently by Captain Charles Kingsford-Smith, the Australian, who flew from the United States to Australia in 1928. Recently, when one of the planes of a commercial fleet made a forced landing in a forest near Bernaldo, New South Wales, it seemed to everyone that the ship would have to be dismantled before it could be removed. Captain Smith hit upon another idea. He tied the plane's tail to a tree and set the engines going full speed. When the machine lifted from the ground and strained at its leash, a farmer was signaled to cut the rope with an axe. In a flash, the plane was away. It barely cleared the tree tops, but Captain Smith brought it safely home.

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BOON TO HUBBIES

A radio authority reveals that sunbathing can be induced by heating the brain coils with rays from a high-frequency vacuum tube. Men who can never remember what it was their wives asked them to bring home will welcome this priceless invention with cheers.

Where They Land the Big Fishes



Patience rewarded on the Capilano River in which three prize-winners in the continent-wide contest conducted by "Field and Stream" for the heaviest steelhead taken with a fly in Canada and the United States, have been caught. The fisherman is snugged taking one of the many five-pounders in which the stream abounds. The river lies back in the mountains of the North Shore not more than ten miles from the Canadian Pacific Railway station at Vancouver, British Columbia. Up to eight-pound steelheads have been taken in this river.

Spain Up-to-Date Has Bootleggers

The axiom that the world is a pretty small place after all evidently holds true not only in regard to distance but to some customs as well. A Madrid newspaper ran a news item recently which impresses that fact that America is not the only home of bootleggers.

The item reads: "Jorge Kolrengor, aged 20 years, went aboard a French ship lying in the harbor at Barcelona and was offered the opportunity to purchase contraband tobacco. He refused and alleges that in the midst of the ensuing discussion he was overcame and bound. The police went aboard the ship, where they were informed that no such incident had occurred. Search revealed no contraband."

As the news item suggests, ships coming from foreign ports, probably without knowledge of their masters, often carry English or American cigarettes as the case may be. Smokes obtained in this manner are cheaper than those bought through the monopoly. One man boasts that his postman keeps him supplied with tobacco smuggled in this manner, and business houses sometimes have their workers canvassed by rangers. This indicates that people in other lands are just as willing buyers of contraband and that enterprising bootleggers and officials are just as numerous in one part of the world as another. Which is not to say that the business is done on a wholesale basis, as in the case of liquor in the United States, but nothing is done that way here.

Americans Get Turkish Monopoly

Istanbul, Turkey—Angora advices reported that the Turkish Cabinet has approved the American and European Match Company's offer of a \$10,000,000 advance to the Turkish Government for 25 years' control of the Turkish match monopoly. Lee, Higginson & Co. of New York will handle the financing.



"When I visit the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone I realize the insignificance of man. Ever been there?"

"Never. You can get the same sensation by going to a woman's club meeting."

It is fine to be unselfish, if you can keep quiet about it.

The Cry of the Little Brothers

(The Good St. Francis of Assisi called all animals his little brothers and sisters).

We are the little brothers, Homeless in cold and heat, Four-footed little beggars, Roaming the city street.

Snatching a bone from the gutter, Creeping thro' 'alleys drear, Stoned and sworn at and beaten, Our hearts consumed with fear.

You pride yourselves on the beauty Of your city fair and free; Yet we are dying by thousands In covert spots you never see.

You boast of your mental progress, Of your libraries, schools, and halls; But we who are dumb denounce you, As we crouch beneath your walls.

You sit in your tinselled playhouse And wear a mimic wrong; Our woes are the woes of the voiceless, Our griefs are unheeded in song.

You say that the same God made us, When before His throne you come Shall you clear yourselves in His presence On the plea that He made us dumb?

Are your hearts too hard to listen To a starving kitten's cries? Or too gay for the patient pleading In a dog's beseeching eyes.

Behold us, your little brothers, Starving, beaten, oppressed— Stretch out a hand to help us That we may have food and rest.

Too long have we roamed neglected, Too long have we sickened with mercy; The mercy you hope and pray for, You can grant us now and here.

—Ethelred Breeze Barry.

Soviet Russia Cows Wear Spectacles

Soviet Russia has originated many novel social and economic experiments, but perhaps it has never before tried to do anything quite so unusual as to make cows wear spectacles. The purpose of this experiment has no connection with the ancient joke about the cattle raiser who put green spectacles on his cows so that they would eat sawdust and believe it to be grass. The new invention has a serious purpose—to defend the eyesight of the cows against storms.

Forgotten Rubens Found

Vienna—A forgotten early work of Rubens has been discovered among a number of other paintings in the cellar of the Austrian Historical Museum of Art by its director, Dr. Gustave Glueck. The picture, a portrait of Margaret of Austria, the wife of Philip II of Spain, has been more than 100 years in Austria, having been a gift to the old Austrian Imperial family and forgotten.

Steam Heat To Go Say Scientists

Detroit—A rival for steam heat, diphenyl, the world's newest commercial substance, was introduced to the American Institute of Chemical Engineers here recently.

Diphenyl—pronounced dy-fen-ill—is a synthetic chemical, something that probably never existed anywhere in nature, but better than water for one purpose.

Heat transfer is the thing that steam does when it warms the radiator and through it the air in the room. Diphenyl carries great heat without the dangerous, explosive pressure of steam. A 700 degrees the new chemical has only about 65 pounds pressure compared with about 1000 pounds for steam.

Diphenyl is not at present a substitute for steam heat, but it foreshadows the sort of stuff likely some day to make it easier to pipe heat into the house from a central station such as water now is piped. Professor Bueger revealed some of the peculiarities encountered in using diphenyl in the manufacture of caustic. For one thing, it can leak out of joints impermeable to steam and water.

Strangely enough diphenyl is made from explosive benzene. By heat two hydrogen atoms are forced out of two benzene molecules, which thereupon unite to form the new substance, a yellowish, white solid. It melts at about 155 degrees Fahrenheit.

It already has given promise of being a worthy child of benzene, which is one of the most widely used chemicals. From diphenyl already have been made amber-colored resins, black pitches and gray crystalline solids. It has been used in making varnish, insulation, flame proofing and water proofing.

Pygmies Still Live In Darkest Africa

Paris—There still are plenty of pygmies in the interior of Africa, Mrs. Carl Akeley, widow of the noted American explorer, reported upon her return here recently after a year's exploration among the little peoples with camera and typewriter.

Mrs. Akeley said that the legend of the pygmies disappearing was due to their shyness, which had taught them the art of making themselves all but invisible.

She said she found many villages of the little people who are the size of normal 10-year-old children. They live in tiny huts made of leaves, in which they crouch. They move away at the slightest alarm and constantly are shifting from one food source to another.

Girls Grab Your Measuring Tapes

Washington—A woman's waist, that mysterious line so fascinating to poets and lovers since time began, has at last been definitely designated by Uncle Sam himself.

Acting as referee for a group of pattern makers, the Bureau of Standards of the United States Department of Commerce has decreed that a woman's waist line is just seven inches above her hips.

Here is the new set of proper measurements which will be put out by the pattern makers (all measurements in inches):

Women:
Bust: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50.
Waist: 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44.
Hip: 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47 1/2, 50, 53, 56.

Indians Prosper On Prairie Reserves

Edmonton, Alta.—"Lo, the poor Indian" can no longer be designated by this phrase as during the past year the Red Man living on the reserves in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta marketed cattle to the value of \$250,000 in addition to the live stock they raised for their own consumption.

The Department of Indian Affairs has announced that the Indian ranchers and farmers on the prairies will this year send over 100,000 acres of grain crops and in addition they own some 25,000 head of cattle which range over the Indian reserves.

George Rector, well-known restaurateur, has related in his memoirs that at an Army and Navy Club dinner, Willie Collier, the actor, arose to speak after a dreary hour's eulogy by a general. Collier's entire speech was: "Ladies and gentlemen: Now I know what they mean by the army and navy forever." Which is somewhat longer than Wilson Lackaye's witty speech before an amateur dramatic society after a two-hour introduction by the chairman, who wound up by saying: "The guest of honor will now give us his address." Lackaye arose and said: "My address is the Lamb's Club." Then he sat down.

MUTT AND JEFF—By BUD FISHER



Amos and Andy -- and Mutt.