

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON III
THE MESSAGE OF JOHN THE BAPTIST—Luke 3: 1-17
PRINTED TEXT, Luke 3: 1-17
GOLDEN TEXT—Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance. Luke 3: 8

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING
Time.—It is generally understood that the climax of John's ministry, and the baptism of Christ, occurred between the summer of A.D. 26 and the spring of A.D. 37.
Place.—The ministry of John the Baptist for the most part was in the wilderness of Judea. The exact place where Jesus was baptized is not known, but it is thought to have been not far from the city of Jericho, and of course on the Jordan River.

John's Ministry
John the Baptist appeared, and shortly our Lord also, at a time when the world was ruled by the most powerful government, the Roman, that the world has ever known. The priesthood of Israel was as corrupt as the government which it served. Israel was in a tragically deplorable condition, certainly needing light, cleansing, a new word from God which would convict her of her sins, and prepare her for receiving the Messiah. At this time the word of the Lord came to one who had been announced, even before his birth, as the forerunner of the Messiah, John the Baptist, who was found at this time in the wilderness. He had been there at least a year, and he had been there under the mastery of a pressure upon him from above and the messenger of the living God below to proclaim his message. Luke 3: 1. And he came into all the region round about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance unto remission of sins.

The Rite of Baptism
This baptism of John's was an entirely new rite, and highly significant. The Jews were accustomed to baptism as a ceremonial act of purification, but John made it a universal rite. The first word of his ministry was, Repent; his baptism was for those who had repented; it foreshadowed the purification of mind and heart which comes from the washing away of our sins in the blood of Jesus Christ; on the part of man, it signifies a declaration of sin renounced; on the part of God, of sin forgiven.

3. Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able to raise up children of Abraham from these stones. Luke 3: 7. And even now the axe also lieth at the root of the trees: every tree therefore that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. The tree is metaphorically referred to as of course Israel; the time when the axe is laid at the root of the trees is the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ; the fruit of which John here speaks is true repentance and belief in the Messiah, showing that the heart is right (that is, that the tree is bearing fruit) is intended.

Practical Application
10. And the multitude asked him, saying, What then must we do? 11. And he answered and said unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath food, let him do likewise. 12. And there came also publicans, and they said, unto him, Teacher, what must we do? 13. And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you. Publicans were tax collectors, attempting to squeeze out as much graft as possible. 14. And soldiers also asked him, saying, And we, what must we do? And he said unto them, Extort from no man by violence, neither accuse any wrongfully, and be content with your wages.

His Testimony to Christ
15. And as the people were in expectation, and all men reasoned in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered, saying unto them, I indeed baptize you with water; but there cometh he that is mightier than I, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose. This new prophet increased the hopes of deliverance; then the mysterious whisper went round that this was the Christ. (None dared ask the stern prophet, until at length the rumor became of national importance, as the deputation from the Sanhedrin waited upon him—John 1: 19). He shall baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire. John the Baptist could do

British Babe Born 'Midst Bursting Bombs



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Roderick of southeast London are shown with their daughter Doreen, admiring their new arrival, Peter John Anderson, in the air raid shelter in which the child first saw the light of day. Anti-aircraft shells were bursting in the sky overhead, as the forerunner of the Messiah, John the Baptist, who was found at this time in the wilderness. He had been there at least a year, and he had been there under the mastery of a pressure upon him from above and the messenger of the living God below to proclaim his message. Luke 3: 1. And he came into all the region round about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance unto remission of sins.

more than baptize with water; he would not actually change the hearts of men. Such a baptism as mentioned here was foretold in Isa. 44: 3 and Joel 2: 28; its first baptism of repentance was at Pentecost; it is now fulfilled in the life of every true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 6: 11; 12: 13).

14. Whose fan is in his hand, thoroughly to cleanse his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn up with unquenchable fire. Christ in his divine love separated chaff from wheat. This figure of speech used by John was easily understood by the people of his day, many of whom were engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Christ's Baptism
21. Now it came to pass, when all the people were baptized, that Jesus also having been baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened.

RADIO REPORTER

By DAVE ROBBINS

(The CBC network and all principal Canadian radio stations are on daylight time.)
CANADIAN DANCE BAND
Canada's best dance band takes to the air each Wednesday night at ten (Daylight Time), with a program that all Canada will enjoy—Motels for You.

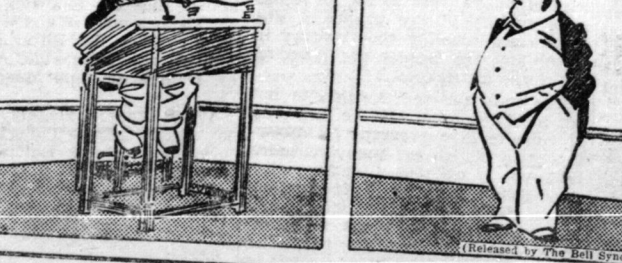
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Farm Notes . . . Spring Pastures Started in Fall

In Canada, during the past decade, many a farmer has revised his estimate of pasture and learned that with rational fertilizing and grazing management it may be made the most profitable acre on the farm, providing an abundance of palatable, more nutritious feed over an extended grazing season.

With the introduction of pasture improvement it was customary to make the fertilizer application in spring, a practice that still continues on many farms. The results of experiments indicated a distinct advantage in the full application of a mineral fertilizer, notably the 0-16-6, while some relied on straight super-phosphate for the heavy soils. Where the herbage consisted mostly of grasses the fall treatment was sometimes followed by a dressing of Sulphate of Ammonia or other nitrogen fertilizer in spring.

MORE VIGOROUS GROWTH
In the fall of 1939 pasture trials to determine chiefly the value of nitrogen in the fertilizer applied at this season were commenced at a number of points in Ontario and Quebec, the rate of nitrogen being estimated, periodically during the season by the aid of protective cages placed at several sites in each plot. Although the records are not complete, it is possible to draw general conclusions from the data available.

The outstanding feature in every trial was the more advanced and vigorous growth of the fertilized herbage, noticed in early spring, and the marked superiority of the grazing throughout the season. In two or three instances where but little clover was present in the herbage the influence of the nitrogen in the fertilizer was quite marked at first but less so as the season advanced.

The choice lay between 6-6-6 and 2-16-6, the former preferable where clover or other legumes were plentiful, the latter where grasses made up the greater part of the herbage.

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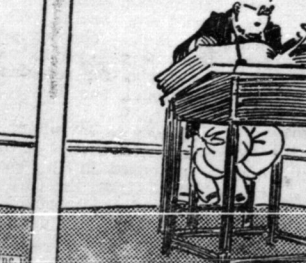
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THE TOWN CRIER

The small towns of Ontario are back on the air over CKOC, Hamilton, every Friday night at 7:30 p.m. Standard Time (8:30 Daylight). Each week a different community in the province is featured, a brief outline of its history given together with a review of recent events taken from the local newspaper presented before the mike. . . . This Friday night, tune in on Hagersville.

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The Largest Autopsy Done On Elephant

The University of Arkansas Medical School's department of pathology last week performed what its officials described as the largest autopsy in this state's history.

Tessie, 7,000-pound circus elephant which had just died of the subject.

Using axes, saws and other heavy shop instruments, pathologists and students dissected the elephant and the cause of its death was ascertained.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

A SPERM WHALE CAN EAT A TON OF FOOD DAILY!
BECAUSE HE FOUND SO MANY SYSTEMS OF PUNCTUATION IN USE, TIMOTHY DEXTER WROTE A BOOK, "A RIKEL FOR THE KNOWING ONES!" AND QUITTED ALL POINTS IN THE TEXT, BUT PRINTED AT LEAST PAGES OF NOTHING BUT PUNCTUATION MARKS AT THE END, FOR THE READER TO USE AS HE MIGHT WISH.

NOT only is the ash a relative of the Mediterranean olive, but it is a cousin to lilacs, privets and forsythias. Ashes are found in the tropics, as well as in the temperate regions.

NEXT: Why were penny roots worn about the necks of children in olden times?

HEALTH TOPICS

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At Night

Down by the pond where the water-bugs creep,
The green frogs hide all day;
Then at night, when it's time to sleep,
They bring out their fiddles to play!

Back in the woods, where the beetle-bugs crawl,
The brown owl wakes up, too;
Through the dark trees you can hear him call,
"O who? Who-o? O who?"

in Christian Science Monitor.

Plant Detectives

The present way of discovering minerals is to examine geological formations and take samples of the earth's strata, but a new method has now been introduced by two Swedish scientists. They analyze the leaves and roots of plants where mineral nodes are suspected, for minerals are dissolved by rain, mixed with the soil in which plants grow and sucked up into the roots, stem and leaves. The scientists reduce the leaves to ash and photograph them. When examined under powerful microscope certain characteristic lines are always seen, and it is possible to tell by studying these whether a certain element is present. This method has proved successful in tracing the rarer minerals, such as nickel and molybdenum.

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If you saw somebody filling a pen from a river, and then writing with it, you would be entitled to rub your eyes—unless you happened to be in Algeria. But in that country there is one stream that not only looks like ink, but is also thick enough to write with. Fed by two springs, one of which is impregnated with lead oxide and the other with ferric salts, this strange stream thus has the same chemical composition as ordinary ink. But of course it would happen that, by sheer coyness of chance.

Canada National Railways Revenues

The gross revenues of the all-inclusive Canadian National Railways System for the 9-day period ending September 30, 1940, were \$6,091,022, as compared with \$5,750,260 for the corresponding period of 1939, a decrease of \$340,762, or 5.7%.

Knocking off the knots in fine style though her engine-room telegraph reads but "half speed ahead" at the time of this photo, one of the Canadian built submarine chasers is seen here, during her official trials at an eastern Canadian seaport. A corvette-class ship, the speedy warboat more than satisfied the party of naval and shipbuilding officials who tried her out.

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