

## Lesson X.

## \*JESUS THE HEALER

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Matthew 8: 2-17. †Commit to memory vs. 2, 3.

GOLDEN TEXT—Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.—Matthew 8: 17.

2 And, behold, there came<sup>1</sup> a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

3 And<sup>2</sup> Je'sus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou<sup>3</sup> clean. And<sup>4</sup> immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

4 And Je'sus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Mo'ses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

5 And when<sup>5</sup> Je'sus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him.

6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth<sup>6</sup> at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

7 And<sup>7</sup> Je'sus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

8<sup>8</sup> The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but<sup>9</sup> speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

9 For I<sup>10</sup> am a man under authority, having<sup>11</sup> soldiers under me: and I say to this<sup>12</sup> man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

Revised Version—<sup>1</sup>to him; <sup>2</sup>he stretched forth; <sup>3</sup>made; <sup>4</sup>Straightway; <sup>5</sup>he was; <sup>6</sup>in the house; <sup>7</sup>he saith; <sup>8</sup>And the; <sup>9</sup>only say the word; <sup>10</sup>also; <sup>11</sup>under myself soldiers; <sup>12</sup>one, Go; <sup>13</sup>And when; <sup>14</sup>the; <sup>15</sup>sons; <sup>16</sup>forth; <sup>17</sup>Omit and; <sup>18</sup>that hour; <sup>19</sup>lying sick; <sup>20</sup>him; <sup>21</sup>Omit that were; <sup>22</sup>a; <sup>23</sup>Isaiah; <sup>24</sup>diseases.

## LESSON PLAN

- I. The Leper, - 4.
- II. The Centurion's Servant, 5-13.
- III. Peter's Wife's Mother, 14, 15.
- IV. The Multitudes, 16, 17.

## DAILY READINGS

(By courtesy of I. B. R. Association)

M.—Jesus the Healer, Matt. 8: 2-17. T.—The word of power, Mark 1: 21-31. W.—The healing touch, Mark 1: 32-45. Th.—Ten lepers cleansed, Luke 17: 11-19. F.—Importance of faith, Mark 10: 46-52. S.—Prophecy of healing, Isa. 35. S.—Praise for healing, Ps. 103: 1-18.

Shorter Catechism—*Ques.* 49. Which is the second commandment? A. The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

The Question on Missions—10. How many

10<sup>13</sup> When Je'sus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Is'rael.

11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and<sup>14</sup> west, and shall sit down with A'braham and I'saac, and Ja'cob, in the kingdom of heaven.

12 But the<sup>15</sup> children of the kingdom shall be cast out into<sup>16</sup> outer darkness: there shall be<sup>17</sup> weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13 And Je'sus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And<sup>14</sup> his servant was healed in<sup>15</sup> the selfsame hour.

14 And when Je'sus was come into Pe'ter's house, he saw his wife's mother<sup>19</sup> laid, and sick of a fever.

15 And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto<sup>20</sup> them.

16<sup>13</sup> When the even was come, they brought unto him many<sup>21</sup> that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with<sup>22</sup> his word, and healed all that were sick:

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by<sup>23</sup> Esai'as the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our<sup>24</sup> sicknesses.

laborers are employed in Home Mission work in the Eastern Section? During the summer months there are between 80 and 90 laborers, including ordained missionaries, catechists and student teachers. Owing to lack of workers, many fields, in the winter months, are without services.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, Ps. Sel. 72 (Supplemental Lesson); 116; 100; 40 (Ps. Sel.); 43 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 38.

Special Scripture Reading—2 Kings 5: 1-14. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.) It is expected that each scholar will have his or her Bible, and so be prepared to take part in this reading, which may form part of the opening exercises of the School.

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 176, "A centurion beseeching Him, and saying", Matt. 8: 5, 6. For Question on Missions, H. M. 310, Rev. James Ross, Superintendent of Home Missions, St. John, N. B.; H. M. 311, St. Luke's Church, Portage Road, N. B., Mission Station.

Stereographs—For Lesson, "Unclean! Unclean!" Wretched beggars outside Jerusalem (Underwood & Underwood, Dept. D., 62 Adelaide Street East, Toronto), set of 15 stereographs for Quarter's Lessons, \$2.50; three for March 60c.; stereoscopes, 85c. (postage paid in all cases). In ordering please mention THE TEACHERS MONTHLY.

## EXPOSITION

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Connecting Links—Matthew places these cures immediately after the Sermon on the Mount. Probably, however, they took place somewhat earlier. Ch. 8: 1 really belongs to ch. 7, and describes how the crowds followed Jesus.

## I. The Leper, 2-4.

V. 2. A leper. His disease (see Light from

the East) separated him from his fellows, and classed him with the dead. *Worshipped*; prostrated himself to the ground. This was the attitude of an inferior to one deemed much superior, or of one seeking a great favor. It does not involve worship of Jesus by the man as a divine Person. *Lord*. This title simply means Rabbi or Master. He recognized Jesus as a great Teacher and Healer.

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