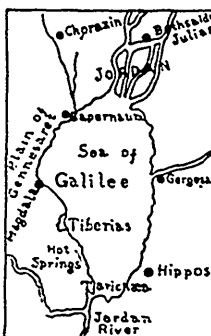


on the water . . . to Jesus ; just as we come to Jesus by stepping out, in faith, on God's promise which we cannot see.

30-33. Saw the wind ; saw its effects in the raging waves. **Beginning to sink ;** because he looked at the storm instead of at Jesus. **Lord, save me.** Helpless, he knew in Jesus an almighty Helper. Jesus stretched forth His hand ; a hand both strong and loving. **Little faith.** It is never Jesus' power that fails, but often it is our faith. **Wherefore . . . doubt ?** Having a double mind (James 1 : 8), half trusting and half fearful. **The Son of God.** They could not fail to see in Him divine power (see Ps. 77 : 19).

III. JESUS HEALING.—34-36. Gone over ; to the western side of the lake. **The land of Gennesaret.** See Geography Lesson. **Had knowledge ;** recognized Him. **Country round about.** Everywhere the tidings went, Jesus is come ! **All . . . diseased.** See the vivid picture in Mark 6 : 55, 56. **The hem of his garment ;** the tassel attached to each of the four corners of the mantle worn by the Jews, to remind them of the Commandments, Num. 15 : 38, 39. **Made perfectly whole.** There was no limit to the power of Jesus.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



THE LAND OF GENNESARET, is the plain, about 3 miles long and 1½ miles wide, on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee, now called by the Arabs el-Ghweir, "Little Ghor", or "Hollow". The plain is somewhat crescent-shaped, and is comparatively level. It is plentifully supplied with water by streams and fountains. Consequently it is so fertile that the Jewish rabbis spoke of it as "the garden of God". Two roads cross the plain from south to north, one within a few hundred feet of the lake shore, and the other following the base of the hills to the west of the plain.

LESSON QUESTIONS

22, 23 Why did Jesus send the disciples away ? When had He been tempted to become a great

earthly king ? (Ch. 4 : 8, 9.) To whom did He say that His kingdom was not of this world ? (John 18 : 36.) Mention some great occasions on which Jesus prayed. (Luke 3 : 21 ; 6 : 11-13 ; 9 : 18).

24-27 Describe the storm that came upon the disciples ? At what time did Jesus come to them ? In what manner did He come ? Why were the disciples afraid ? How did Jesus remove their fears ?

28, 29 What did Peter ask of Jesus ? Was the request granted ? How is our coming to Jesus like Peter's going to Him on the water ? Where does Peter speak of faith in the unseen Saviour ? (1 Pet. 1 : 8.)

30-33 Why did Peter begin to sink ? How was He saved ? Of what regarding Jesus were the disciples and others convinced ?

34-36 Where did Jesus and His disciples land ? What miracles did Jesus there work ?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Prayer the secret of power.
2. Jesus present though unseen.

A LESSON FOR LIFE

One of the stories of the Covenanters in Scotland tells how a little band of them were in flight before Claverhouse and his dragoons. At last the fugitives saw the soldiers just across a ravine from them, and they could flee no further. They knelt down, and an old minister amongst them prayed. As he prayed, the mist crept up from the valley, higher and higher, until it hid them from their pursuers. The moment when all other help fails, is just the moment to look for God's help.

Prove from Scripture—That Jesus brings good cheer.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 59. Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly sabbath ? A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath ; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian sabbath.

The Question on Missions—10. Is any medical work being done ? There are two medical missionaries—Dr. John McDonald and Dr. Jessie MacBean. There is no hospital yet, but dispensaries for men and women are open several hours a day, where large numbers are treated, and where those who wait their turn, can hear the gospel.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Why did Jesus send the disciples away ?

2. When and in what manner did He come to them ?

3. Who were convinced, and by what proof, that He was the Son of God ?