

Sunday School

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. VII. FEBRUARY 14, 1904.

Jesus Forgives Sin.—Mark 2:12.

Commentary.—I. A paled sinner brought to Christ (vs. 1-4). And again—at the close of the missionary tour in Galilee. Capernaum, which was his home or headquarters, it was not surprising that he should have gathered there.

3. Come unto Him.—A second season? No. They must force their way to Christ. Bringing one who was lame, for Jesus called him son, but he was grown, and it required four to carry him.

4. The press.—It seemed quite impossible for three crowd to make an opening sufficiently large for them to pass through.

5. Christ forgives sin.—See Matt. ix. 1-2. In the eastern countries the houses were flat-roofed, and joined together so one could walk upon them from one end of the city to the other.

6. Certain of the scribes.—The scribes were the leaders of the nation, the theologians, the doctors, politicians.—Geldie. In their hearts.—They had not spoken openly. 7. Blasphemies.—To blaspheme is to slander God or speak impiously against God.

8. Christ heals disease.—vs. 8-12. Jesus healed in telling them the thoughts of their hearts Jesus gave them the fullest proof of his divinity. No sin escapes his notice.

9. Whether it is easier.—Both are equally easy and equally difficult. Everything is equally easy to the power which is unlimited. A universe can be as easily produced by a single act of the divine will as the smallest part of matter.

of nature is a sinner, and to save him from his sins is a greater work than to make a world.

"Twas greater to redeem." Sin is the worst thing that ever afflicted the human family by far. To deliver man from the power and dominion of sin, the death and suffering of the Son of God was required, which was the greatest sacrifice ever made.

Christ was continually, while upon earth, about his Father's business, and his coming in contact with the sick of the palsy in the lesson is no exception, and he could say with equal facility, "Arise, take up thy bed and walk."

He possessed power to heal the body whose soul would be best for the individual and for his own glory, or to heal the soul when sin was reported of, and the person believed on the Lord Jesus Christ.

He perceived immediately in his spirit how they reasoned within themselves, and he said unto them, "Why reason ye these things in your hearts?"

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10. That ye may know.—External miracles are the proof of internal ones. Christ was conscious of divine power. If failure had been the result, his humiliation would have been overwhelming and final.

11. Arise, Here is the text. Christ shows his ability to heal. He arose. The man had a part to perform. Had he not acted at the word of command he could not have been healed.

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Complete Cure for Bone Spavin. Dr. J. J. Kendall, Co., Greenburg Falls, N. Y.

Help the Overworked Heart.—Is your system hard pressed, out of trim, and your blood overtaxed, clogged, and your head throbbing with pain?

A GOOD MANNER. Manner is a thing that matters in a man. Manners, as a rule, we discount, if we are wise, recognizing that they are of the nature of "parlor tricks."

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The Markets

Wheat Market. Following are the closing quotations at important wheat centres to-day: New York, Cash, 91; Chicago, 96 3/8; Duluth, 92 1/4.

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NET SURPLUS.—\$650,236 76 Audited and found correct.—John N. Lake, Auditor.

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PHILOSOPHY AND FUN

A Canadian's Quaint Views About England and Englishmen. Peter MacArthur is a Canadian whose views on England and English society, says the London Express, are interesting and original.

London takes more for granted than the rest of the world knows. The great trouble with the English in that they are trying to repel the American invader with business methods that came over with William the Conqueror.

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HUNDRED MILE TRAIN

We note with pleasure that our space-devouring friends at Zouzen have not yet satiated their hunger for pace, and touched the record the other day for no less than 140 miles per hour.

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NO WHITE MEN ALLOWED

Towns in Indian Territory that are Peopled Exclusively by Negroes. Indian Territory has several exclusive negro towns.

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