

HOME STUDY LEAFLET.

LESSON 9.

DECEMBER 2nd, 1894.

4th QUARTER.

Christ's Testimony to John. LUKE 7:24-35.

(Commit to memory verses 27-28.)

GOLDEN TEXT,

"Behold I send my messenger before thy face." Luke 7: 27.

PROVE THAT

We are to be witnesses for Christ. Acts 1: 8.

SHORTER CATECHISM.

Quest. 104. *What do we pray for in the fourth petition?* A. In the fourth petition (which is, *Give us this day our daily bread*), we pray, That of God's free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them.

LESSON HYMNS.

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DAILY PORTIONS.

(The Selections of the I. B. R. A.)

MONDAY—Christ's Testimony to John.

Luke 7: 24-35.

TUESDAY—Testimony of the People.

Matt. 21: 23-32.

WEDNESDAY—Herod's Testimony.

Mark 6: 14-20.

THURSDAY—Great in the Sight of the Lord.

Luke 1: 5-17.

FRIDAY—The Forerunner.

Luke 1: 67-80.

SATURDAY—The Voice.

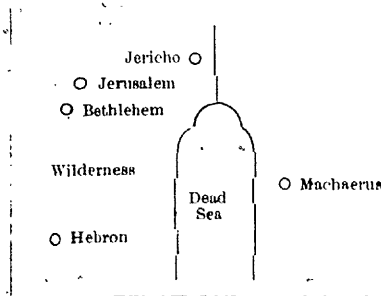
Matt. 3: 1-12.

SABBATH—A Shining Light.

John 5: 31-38.

HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY. About four months before the date of our lesson, Herod Antipas had seized John and imprisoned him in the lonely fortress of Machaerus, situated about nine miles



east of the northern end of the Dead Sea (see map). The reason for his doing so is given in Matt. 14: 3-5. During this period Jesus was engaged in preaching and healing throughout Galilee. The incidents which gave rise to the words contained in our lesson occurred shortly after the miracle at Nain (ch. 7: 11-17). Pining in his lonely dungeon John seems to have craved some reassuring word from Christ, and accordingly sent to him two of his disciples to ask him, "Art thou he that should come, or look we for another?" In reply,

Jesus bade the messengers tell John what wonders they saw and heard. The recital of these, more than any mere assurance from His lips, would cheer the discouraged prophet. Parallel passage Matt. 11: 7-19.

LESSON PLAN. Christ Commending John. vs. 24-28. II. Christ Condemning the People. vs. 29-35.

I. CHRIST COMMENDING JOHN. 24. The messengers—the two disciples (verse 19). The wilderness—of Judea, where John preached (Matt. 3: 5). This lay along the west side of the Dead Sea. A reed—tall and slender, bending low before every gust of wind. John was rather a rock than a reed, firm, resolute and courageous. 25. Soft raiment—He reminds them of the camel's hair coat and leathern girdle which John wore, and the locusts and wild honey on which he fared. King's courts—The Herods had palaces at Tiberias, Caesarea, Philippi and Jerusalem. 26. Much more than a prophet

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