

went home, but there would be little sleeping that night. Jesus would be the talk of every tongue.

That Jesus and only He can heal us from the disease of sin, He waits to heal you. Have you asked Him for healing?

28 October.

A Paralytic Healed.

es. Mark 2: 1-12. Gol. Text, Mark 2: 10.
fem. vs. 9-12. Catechism Q. 99.

Do you remember the great day in Capernaum, the last Sabbath's lesson; the miracle at Church in the morning, the miracle when He went home to dinner to Peter's house, and the many miracles as the crowd gathered about the door in the evening bringing their sick ones for healing.

After that great day He spent the months of May and June travelling and preaching through G. lilce.

Then He came back to Capernaum, where He made His home when in Galilee, and then follows the story of this lesson, about eight weeks after that great Sabbath of last lesson.

Word soon spread that the Great Healer was come again. A man whose body was often sore, twisted and pained, had not got to Jesus on that Sabbath two months before. Perhaps he laughed at the idea of any one being able to heal him, or perhaps he had not heard of it until Jesus had gone. When one after another of his neighbors called in to see him and to tell him of how they had been cured, he was very sorry. How he longed for the great teacher to come again.

One day a neighbor runs in to tell that Jesus is again in town. Take me to him at once before He leaves, cries the poor man. His friends rig up a kind of litter and get him on it and start off to find Jesus.

There are people hurrying from all quarters, and when they get to the house, the crowd is so great all about it that they cannot get near.

But they would not be stopped. They went around to the back of the house, climbed to the top, which was low and flat, and breaking away the light lattice work over the court-yard in the middle of the house, they let down the litter by ropes right near where Jesus was, like letting a coffin into a grave. Jesus was not displeased with them for disturbing Him in the middle of His sermon. He was pleased to see their faith in Him, and He cured the poor man's body, forgave his sins, and sent him away carrying his bed, healed and happy to his home.

If we want healing from sin we do not have to travel to find Jesus. He is ever near to all that call upon Him.

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Jesus Lord of the Sabbath.

Les. Mar. 2: 23-28; 3: 1-5. Gol. Text, Mar. 2: 28
Mem. vs. 3-5. Catechism Q. 100.

It was a Sabbath morning not long after last lesson, Jesus and His disciples in the early morning went along a path through a grain field. Perhaps they were going from meeting and had not had their breakfasts, for it was the law to go to the morning service in the synagogue before breakfast.

Being hungry the disciples pulled a few ears of barley as they passed along, and rubbed out the grain in their hands and ate them. In Palestine it was lawful for any one in passing along by a grain field to pull the ears of grain and eat them, but not to put a sickle into them.

But there were some others walking along to Church with Jesus and His disciples, and they were angry that the disciples should do work on the Sabbath, even so much as to pull ears of grain, and they complained to Jesus about it.

They did not get much help from Him. He told them that some whom they honored very much had done things of the same kind and were not wrong in doing so. David's hunger made it right to take sacred bread from the tabernacle, and while the disciples as well as all others should keep the Sabbath, yet when they were hungry it was not wrong for them to pull and eat ears of grain.

Afternoon they went again to the Synagogue to worship. There was a man there with a helpless hand. The neighbors all knew Him, and some of them watched to see whether He would work on the Sabbath enough to heal the man. You remember that on that great day in Capernaum, a few weeks before, they would not bring out their sick people till the Sabbath was past. They were now ready to find fault with Him for helping human suffering on the Sabbath. He was very sorry that they had so little sympathy and love, and He asked them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill." Then he said to the man "stretch forth your hand."

That poor weak hand; for long he has not been able to move it. Now he stretches it out. He does not know how it is done, but it is whole as the other.

These people were right in honoring the Sabbath, but wrong in the way they put that honor into practice.

Jesus did not think lightly of the Sabbath, but when He saw any one suffering and in need of help, He did not break the Sabbath, but honored it, by helping them.

We cannot think too much of the Sabbath. We should not use it for our own pleasure or