

International Bible Lessons

Studies in the Life of Jesus

LESSON CALENDAR: SECOND QUARTER

1. April 1.....The Beatitudes. Matt. 4: 25 to 5: 12.
2. April 8.....Precepts and Promises. Matt. 7: 1-14.
3. April 15.....The Daughter of Jairus Raised. Mark 5: 22-24; 35-43.
4. April 22.....The Centurion's Servant Healed. Luke 7: 1-10.
5. April 29.....Jesus and John the Baptist. Luke 7: 18-28.
6. May 6.....Jesus Warning and Inviting. Matt. 11: 20-30.
7. May 13.....Jesus at the Pharisee's House. Luke 7: 36-50.
8. May 20.....Parable of the Sower. Matt. 13: 1-8 and 18-23.
9. May 27.....Parables of the Kingdom. Matt. 13: 24-33.
10. June 3.....The Twelve Sent Forth. Matt. 9: 35 to 10: 8.
11. June 10.....Death of John the Baptist. Mark 6: 14-29.
12. June 17.....The Feeding of Five Thousand. John 6: 5-14.
13. June 24.....REVIEW.

LESSON I.

THE BEATITUDES

April 1, 1900

Matt. 4: 25 to 5: 12. Commit to memory vs. 3-9. Read Matt. 5: 1 to 6: 18. Compare Luke 6: 17-36.

25 And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jeru'salem, and from Judæa, and from beyond Jordan.

Ch. 5: 1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into ^aa mountain: and when he ^swas set, his disciples came unto him:

2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are they ⁴which do hunger and thirst after

righteousness: for they shall be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called ⁵the children of God.

10 Blessed are they ⁶which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are ye, when *men* shall ⁷revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great ⁸is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Revised Version—¹Of people omitted; ²The mountain; ³Had sat down; ⁴That hunger; ⁵Sons; ⁶That have been; ⁷Reproach.

GOLDEN TEXT

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Matt. 5: 8.

DAILY READINGS

M.—Matt. 4: 25 to 5: 12. The Beatitudes.

T.—Matt. 5: 13-20. Bring and doing.

W.—Ps. 37: 1-11. Trusting and resting.

Th.—2 Cor. 1: 1-12. Comfort in suffering.

F.—1 Pet. 4: 12-19. Rejoicing in suffering.

S.—Ps. 24. Privilege of the pure.

S.—1 John 3: 1-10. "We shall see Him."

TIME

The summer of A.D. 28, the second year of our Lord's ministry; a central point.

PLACE

Tradition says the Horns of Hattin, a square-shaped hill about 60 feet in height and with two tops, seven miles south-west of Capernaum.

CATECHISM

Q. 15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?

A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

LESSON PLAN

I. The Crowded Congregation, 4: 25-5: 1.

Multitudes from far and wide, and His own chosen band of disciples.

II. The Great Teacher, 2.

Who had proved by His mighty works that He was from God.

III. The Wonderful Sermon, 3-13.

Of which these words are the opening sentences, and which opened out to men's eyes what the kingdom of God is.

LESSON HYMNS

190; 100 (Ps. Sel.); 219; 524; 221.

EXPOSITION

Connecting Links—The Sermon on the Mount was delivered, according to tradition, upon a hill known as the Horns of Hattin, not far from Tell Hum, one of the supposed sites of Capernaum. Jesus spent the night upon the mountain in prayer. In the morning His disciples sought Him and from them He chose the twelve apostles (Luke 6: 12-13). The multitudes soon followed, and Jesus addressed them.