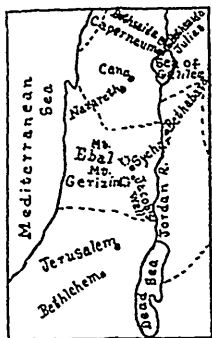


the bread of life; that is, "the Bread which gives life". The manna could satisfy only the body, and that only for a time: Jesus can satisfy the soul, and that forever. **He that cometh to me . . . believeth on me.** These two expressions both mean trusting in Jesus. **Never hunger . . . never thirst;** be satisfied fully, and forever. **Seen me . . . believe not.** They were so eager for outward good things, that they had no eyes for spiritual blessings. **All that the Father giveth, &c.** Jesus knew that His work for men would not be wholly in vain. He had received some followers as a gift from the Father; these would certainly come to Him. **Him that cometh . . . in no wise cast out.** We are free to come or not to come; but Jesus will surely welcome all who come.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



THE LAND OF GENNESARET (see Matt. 14 : 34 ; Mark 6 : 53) was a fertile plain on the west shore of the Lake of Galilee. The historian Josephus says that it had "soil so fruitful, that all sorts of trees would grow upon it, for the temper of the air is so well blended, that it suits these many sorts, especially walnuts, which require the colder air, flourish there in great plenty.

There are palm trees also, which grow best in hot air; fig trees, also olives, grow near them, which require an air more temperate. It supplies men with the principal fruits—grapes and figs—continually during ten months of the year, and the rest of the fruits as they ripen to gather during the whole year."

AN ORIENTAL SIDELIGHT

The next move was across the waters of the lake (of Galilee) itself. The boats were of the small fishing type, with both sail and oars, probably such as were used by those fishers of old who left their nets by these waters to become fishers of men. Six or eight passengers besides the two native boatmen were all that each boat could convey.—C. G. Trumbull's, *A Pilgrimage to Jerusalem*.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. For what did Jesus tell the people they should labor ?
2. What is Christ's definition of "the Bread of God" ?
3. What must we do in order to have everlasting life ?

LESSON QUESTIONS

Who followed Jesus to Capernaum? Why did they wonder at His being there?

26-29 What was the miracle of the loaves and fishes meant to be? What did the multitude desire in coming to Jesus? Why is food for the soul of more importance than food for the body? Who is the Giver of food for the soul? What sign of His authority and power had He given? What must we do to please God? Quote similar teaching from the Epistle to the Hebrews? (Heb. 11 : 5, 6.)

30-33 What proof that Jesus was God's messenger did the people ask for? To what Old Testament miracle did they point? Who did Jesus say really gave the manna? Of what was it a picture?

34-37 What request did the people make? What did they mean by this request? What does Jesus require us to do? What does He promise? Who are they who come to Him? With what reception do they meet?

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Motives, true and false, for seeking Jesus.
2. How accepting Jesus enriches life.

A LESSON FOR LIFE

The athlete, who wants to have a strong body, with muscles like steel springs and lungs like a pair of powerful bellows, is careful to eat only the right sort of food. Nor can we be "whole" men unless we have a noble soul within as well as a vigorous body without. The soul, too, needs its proper food, if it is to be strong. It is by taking Christ into our very life, so that we think His thoughts and do His deeds, that we grow in spiritual strength.

Prove from Scripture—That believers in Christ are saved forever.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 1-10.

The Question on Missions—10. Why should Industrial training be undertaken by our church? For three reasons: (1) To provide employment for native Christians who have no other means of living. (2) To make them self-supporting, so that they may send the gospel to others. (3) To show the people of India that Christianity brings material as well as spiritual blessing.