

SCHOLAR'S NOTES.

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LESSON II.

JULY 11. FOLLOWING THE LAMB—(A.D. 27).

READ JOHN I: 85-10:—COMMIT TO MEMORY vs. 86, 87.

GOLDEN TEXT.—These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.—Rev. xiv. 4.

CENTRAL TRUTH.—Jesus is leader and commander of the people.

DAILY READINGS.

- M. John i. 35-40. T. Ex. xii. 3-17. W. 1 Pet. i. 18-26. Th. Deut. xviii. 15-22. F. Eph. ii. 13-22. Sa. Heb. xiii. 8-21. S. Rev. vii. 9-17.

TO THE SCHOLAR.—Notice the four pictures here described. (1.) John pointing out Jesus to two disciples near the river Jordan—country hilly, no fences nor wagon roads, only paths. (2.) The disciples and Jesus at his home. (3.) Andrew bringing Peter to Jesus. (4.) Philip bringing Nathanael to Jesus in Galilee.

HISTORICAL NOTES.—Andrew, a fisherman of Bethsaida, brother of Peter, and a disciple first of John the Baptist, then of Jesus, is said to have been crucified in Achaia.—Peter, (rock or stone), called also Simon, fisherman of Bethsaida, one of the leading apostles.—Philip, also of Bethsaida, probably a disciple of John the Baptist and known to Jesus; some say he preached in Phrygia and met death at Hierapolis.—Nathanael, (—given of God,) of Cana, and probably the same as Bartholomew.—Nazareth, a town in Lower Galilee, the home of Joseph and Mary on their return from Egypt. It was looked upon with contempt by the Jews. It is now called En-Nasrah, and has from three thousand to five thousand inhabitants.

EXPLANATION.—(35.) next day, after Christ's temptation, or after John's words in v. 29. (36.) Lamb of God (see v. 29 and Isa. lxi. 3-7). (37.) two disciples, Andrew and probably John, the writer of this Gospel, followed Jesus, became his disciples. (38.) Rabbi—Master, a title of honor given to Jewish teachers. (39.) abode, those loving Christ, wish to dwell with him. (40.) tenth hour, four o'clock. (41.) and with his own brother, having found Jesus, his first work is to bring his brother to him; Messias, Christ anointed. (42.) Cephas, an Aramaic word meaning the same as the Greek word Petros—Peter, a rock or stone. (43.) Galilee, the northern of the three great divisions of Palestine; follow me, become my disciple; Bethsaida, a city on the west side of the Sea of Galilee. (44.) Moses... did write (see Deut. xxxiv. 15; Isa. lxi. etc.); law and prophets, the Jews divided their Scriptures into the law, the prophets, and the Psalms. (45.) out of Nazareth, no good expected from such a despised place.

TOPICS AND QUESTIONS.

(I.) JESUS THE LAMB OF GOD. (II.) FOLLOWING JESUS. (III.) ABIDING WITH JESUS. (IV.) BRINGING OTHERS TO JESUS.

I. State the persons mentioned in v. 35. Which John is meant? [John the Baptist.] Whom did he see? What did he say of Jesus? What more is said of Jesus in v. 29? How were the multitude which the Apostle John saw in his vision redeemed?—Rev. vii. 9, 14. From what will the wicked wish to hide at last?—Rev. vi. 15, 16.

II. When the two disciples knew who Jesus was, what did they do? State the names of these disciples. How may we follow Jesus now?

III. What did Jesus ask these disciples? How did they reply? Give the meaning of Rabbi. How long did they stay at the home of Jesus? Whom did Jesus find in Galilee? What did he say to Philip?

IV. Whom did Andrew first seek? What did he say to Simon? To whom did he bring his brother? How did Jesus receive him? What name did he give to Simon? Whom did Philip seek? Whom did he say that Jesus was? How did Nathanael answer Philip? What did Philip urge him to do?

Which verses in this lesson teach us—

(1.) To follow Jesus. (2.) To bring our friends to Jesus?

LESSON III.

JULY 18. JESUS AT THE MARRIAGE—(A.D. 27).

READ JOHN II: 1-11.—COMMIT TO MEMORY vs. 1, 2.

GOLDEN TEXT.—This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory, and his disciples believed on him.—John ii. 11.

CENTRAL TRUTH.—Jesus is Lord of all.

DAILY READINGS.

- M. John ii. 1-11. T. Matt. xii. 1-10. W. Isa. lv. 1-15. Th. Phil. iv. 4-19. F. Luke xiv. 7-15. Sa. Matt. xi. 7-19. S. Rev. xix. 5-10.

TO THE SCHOLAR.—This lesson shows us how deeply Jesus is interested in the joyous events of our lives. Picture to yourself an Eastern wedding—the bridal party returning with the bride; the people not rich; feast lasting several days; wine gone; the wonderful supply.

HISTORICAL NOTES.—Cana, a village near Nazareth, some place it at Kefer Kenna, four and a half miles N. E. of Nazareth; Dr. Robinson and others at Kana el Jehil, a deserted village, nine miles north of Nazareth. The other Cana was near Phenicia.—Marriage.—The names of the persons married are not given; some say John the Evangelist, others Simon the Canaanite. Marriage-feasts were usually held at the bridegroom's house; invited guests only were present. A friend of the bridegroom was the "governor." The feasts sometimes lasted from three to six days.

EXPLANATION.—(1.) third day, after meeting Nathanael; marriage (see Notes); Cana (see Notes); mother of Jesus, Mary, was there, not invited, but as a relative. (2.) Jesus was called—i. e., invited. (3.) wanted wine, or wine having failed; it was thought a disgrace to be out at such a feast. (4.) Woman, a term of respect; I... with thee, or, "What is that to me and thee?" mine hour, the time for my help. (5.) water-pots, stone urns from which water was drawn for washing feet and hands before meals; purifying, cleansing, washing; firkins, metretres, probably a measure of about five to seven gallons (the six waterpots, probably held from eighty to one hundred gallons). (6.) governor, tradition says he was Nathanael (see Notes). (7.) tasted, tasting to see that it was right was his duty as "governor;" knew not, this shows the reality of the miracle. (8.) good wine, usually given first, afterward the poorer. (9.) beginning of miracles, first public miracle; his glory, his divine power.

TOPICS AND QUESTIONS.

(I.) JESUS AT THE MARRIAGE. (II.) WHAT JESUS DID. (III.) WHY HE DID IT.

I. Where was this marriage? How long after the events of the last lesson? Who were present at the marriage?

II. What was wanted at the feast? Who told Jesus of it? What reply did he make to her? What did she say to the servants? What were standing there? How much did they hold? What did Jesus tell the servants to do? To whom were they to take some of the water? What did the governor say of it? Who only knew where the "good wine" came from?

III. What did this miracle show? v. 11. Which of his miracles is this called? What effect had it upon his disciples?



Stone Water-Jars.

Wedding feast. Invited, after made wine, work of GOD, order of Ruler, wonderful Guest.

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very anxious to obtain it. We take the CANADIAN MESSENGER and use the lessons contained in it; I think this an excellent paper, and I wish all schools would endeavor to get it. I wish success to all Sabbath-schools and the CANADIAN MESSENGER. SARAH LAMOREAUX, age 13. This Sunday-school takes 50 or 60 copies of the MESSENGER.

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OAKLAND, May 3rd. Pa takes the MESSENGER and we like it very much. There are some nice temperance stories in it; there is so much hurt done by liquor. About a mile below our place there was a man and woman who drank and had awful times; one day last winter they went to town and got drunk and began fighting, and he struck her, and when they got home he pulled her by the hair of the head into the house and killed her; he is in jail now and I expect he will be hung; he had five children and they had nothing much to eat or wear. Hoping my letter is not too long, I will close up. From a little girl, FANNY M. KELLY.

WATFORD, April 17, 1875. PUZZLES. 1st. From six take nine, from nine take ten, from forty take fifty, and tell me what remains. 2nd. I am a word of seven letters. My 1, 5, 3, 4, is equal to 1111. "5, 6, 7, 2 is a sort of read. "1, 6, 4, 7 means principal. And my whole is a native of a certain country. 3rd. Where do we find soap mentioned in the Bible? WALTER ATKEN.

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