

Feb. 5.---Mark 3 : 6-19.

CHRIST AND HIS DISCIPLES.

Parallels.---Matt. 12 : 14-21 ; Luke 6 : 12-16.

Golden Text.---John 15 : 16 ; Catechism 47.

SECTION FIRST.

V. 6 : Plot against Christ.

Why this plot ? See previous verses.

Who plotted against Him ?

Who were the Pharisees ? The Ritualists.

What their belief ? Mark 7 : 7 ; Acts 23 : 8.

What their practice ? Matt. 22 : 23.

Who were the Herodians ?

A party favoring the Herods and the Romans.

Were they and Pharisees friends ?

No. Bitter enemies.

What made them now agree ?

Hatred to Christ.

Give a similar instance ?

Pilate and Herod, Luke 23 : 12.

SECTION SECOND.

V. 7-13. Jesus withdraws to the lake.

How far ? But a few steps.

What people followed Him ?

What did He do for them ?

Why was the boat provided ?

Why did they wish to get near Him ?

Did Demons believe Him to be the Son of God ?

Yes, they know Him.

Did that save them ? No.

What must we do to be saved ?

We must not merely believe that Jesus Christ was the Son of God, and that He came into the world to save sinners, but we must trust in Him, take Him as our Saviour, give ourselves up to Him to be wholly His, to trust, love and serve Him.

SECTION THIRD. V. 13-19 :

Ordaining the twelve.

Scene ? A mountain.

What calls were there ?

1. To be disciples, Matt. 4 : 18-22 ; Mark 1 : 16-20 ; Luke 5 : 10-11 ; John 1 : 37-51.

2. To be Evangelists, Mark 3 : 13-19 ; Luke 6 : 12-16.

3. To be Apostles, Matt. 10 : 1-42 ; Mark 6 : 7-11 ; Luke 9 : 5.

What did Christ do before He chose these ?

He prayed, Luke 6 : 12.

Christ established His Kingdom by prayer. See Luke 3 : 21 ; Luke 9 : 29 ; Mark 1 : 35 ; Luke 5 : 16.

Do you follow His example ?

What were the Apostles names ?

Did Jesus know the heart of Judas when He called him ?

Yes. See John 6 : 64.

What makes the sin of Judas seem all the greater ?

He sinned after being with Jesus and hearing His teaching for nearly three years.

Does light and knowledge increase guilt ?

Yes. See Luke 12 : 48.

Did Judas ever feel his guilt ?

Yes. I have sinned, etc., Matt. 27 : 4-5.

Did he repent and seek mercy ?

Feb. 12.---Mark 3 : 20-35.

CHRIST'S FOES AND FRIENDS.

Parallels.---Matt. 12 : 22-37 and 46-50 ; Luke 8 : 19-21.

Golden Text.---Matt. 12 : 30. Catechism 48.

SECTION FIRST. V. 20-21 :

The multitude throng Him.

Mark omits some things that took place between last lesson and this one. They are given by Luke.

1. Christ's sermon, Luke 6 : 17-49.

2. Healing Centurion servant, 7 : 1-10.

3. Raising widow's son at Nain, 7 : 11-18

4. John Baptists message, 7 : 19-35.

5. Unbelieving cities condemned, the penitent invited, Matt. 11 : 20-30.

6. Anointed in Pharisees house, Luke 7 : 36-50.

7. Second circuit of Galilee, Luke 8 : 1-3.

What did His friends think of His drawing such crowds ?

How did they explain it ?

SECTION SECOND. V. 22-30 :

Answers the Jerusalem Scribes.

What is a Scribe ?

A writer or reckoner.

Why call these men Scribes ?

They copied the law and counted its precepts.

Where do we first find them ?

Judges 5 : 14 ; 1 Chron. 2 : 55.

They began early in life to prepare. Studied in a class at the temple under a professor or with a private teacher, a Rabbi. At thirty they could enter the office.

What charge did they bring against Christ ?

How did He answer them ?

In two Parables :