

saida (Fisher-Home); a village on the east bank of Jordan, just above its entrance into the Sea of Galilee, or, perhaps, another village of the same name on the west side of the Sea.

IV. SATISFYING A SEEKER.—45-51. Findeth Nathanael; the apostle called Bartholomew, Matt. 10:3. Can ... any good ... come out of Nazareth? The home of Jesus (Matt. 2:23), a very obscure place, never mentioned in the Old Testament. Come and see; the best way to settle doubts. Jesus ... saith ... an Israelite indeed; a true member of the family of God, one of God's chosen people. The Son of God ... the King of Israel; two titles of the Messiah, Ps. 2:6, 7. Nathanael was convinced that they belonged to Jesus, by His more than human knowledge, vs. 47, 48. Thou shalt see greater things; stronger proofs. He should realize Jacob's dream, Gen. 28:12; Jesus would be the ladder upon which prayers would go up and blessings come down. Son of man; a title of Jesus, pointing to His complete oneness with men.

DAILY READINGS

(By courtesy of I. B. R. Association)

M.—Jesus wins His first disciples, John 1:35-42. T.—Jesus wins His first disciples, John 1:43-51. W.—The call to service, Matt. 4:12-22. Th.—Seekers encouraged, Jer. 29:10-14. F.—Bringing others to Jesus, John 4:27-30, 39-42. S.—No prophet from Galilee! John 7:44-53. S.—The Son of God! Matt. 14:22-33.

Prove from Scripture—That Jesus is attractive.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 59. Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly sabbath? A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath; and the first day of the week, ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian sabbath.

The Question on Missions—3. What were the apostles first to do? The apostles were first to tarry in Jerusalem, until they should receive power from on high, that is, the Holy Spirit. (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4, 5; 2:4.)

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 418 (Supplemental Lesson); 216; 152; 122; 534 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 148.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—Who is the first witness to Jesus in this Gospel? The next witnesses?

35-39 To whom did John the Baptist point two of his disciples? What did he call Jesus? What did the disciples do?

40-42 Who were these two disciples? Whom did each of them bring to Jesus? What new name given to Simon? What does this new name mean? Why was it given?

43, 44 What did Jesus say to Philip? Where was Philip from? Who else from the same place?

45-51 What was Philip's first act? What was Nathanael's first opinion of Jesus? What was his final opinion? What made the change? What promise given to Nathanael?

Seniors and the Home Department—Where was Bethabara? (See Lesson II.) How many days does the Lesson cover?

35-39 Give instances from the Lesson of the writer's minute recollections of the events he narrates. Show how Jesus attracted men to Himself (ch. 12:20-22.)

40-42 Explain the meaning of "first," v. 41. At what miracle does Andrew appear as a helper? (ch. 6:8, 9.) Give Jesus' greeting to Simon. Where does John declare our Lord's insight into character? (ch. 2:24, 25.)

43, 44 Where was Bethsaida? What problem did Jesus afterwards set to Philip? (ch. 6:5.)

45-51 Explain the title, "an Israelite indeed." What prophet calls the Messiah, "the Son of Man"? (Dan. 7:13.)

THE LESSON IN LIFE

1. Jesus never frightens or forces us into His service. He wins us because He is so winsome.

2. Andrew found Jesus and then he told his brother, Peter, the good news. He began right at home to help others to know Christ. The good thing to do is always the thing just at our own hand.

3. Do not wait until a big chance comes to do some good. The first chance will lead to the second, and each will lead to something better; but begin at once to be helpful.

4. By what various ways people may come to Christ! "There are 'twelve gates' (Rev. 21:12) to the city of God. It matters little by which gate we enter, if only we do enter."

5. Long distance telephones are becoming a necessity in business life, because people far separated may thus come into instant touch. Jesus has so united heaven and earth by His work as our Redeemer, that we need never for one moment be out of touch with God.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What led His first two disciples to seek Jesus?

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2. What was their first service for Jesus?

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3. How was Nathanael convinced that Jesus was the Messiah?

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