

out Jesus. He is really saying goodbye to his followers, and sending them to Jesus.

II. JESUS' INVITATION.—37-39. *They followed Jesus*; the beginning of all true character. *Jesus turned*. Jesus shows his friendliness to the timid followers by making the first advance. *Where dwellest thou?* an awkward and embarrassing question. *Come and see*; a gracious, frank and free invitation. Jesus is ready to be friends. *They . . . abode with him*. The great red letter day of their lives. They came timidly. They left enthusiasts.

III. PETER'S NEW NAME.—40-42. *Andrew*. John the Baptist points to Christ; Andrew brings to Christ. Andrew is not great, but he discovers greatness for Christ. *First findeth his own brother*. Andrew must share his great discovery with the brother he loves. *Brought him to Jesus*. For once, at least, Andrew is the leader and Simon the follower. *Jesus beheld him*. Jesus had sight and insight. He was a

reader of character and a maker of character. *Thou art . . . thou shalt be*. The unreliable man will become the immovable man.

Lesson Questions

- How did John know Jesus to be the Messiah?
- What kind of Messiah was he to be?
- How did Jesus show himself approachable?
- What was Jesus' estimate of Peter?

For Further Study and Discussion

1. What other sign of Christ's divinity was given at his baptism? (Matt. 3 : 17.)
2. What was Christ's estimate of John the Baptist? (Matt. 11 : 8-11.)
3. Can the Christian be friendly to everybody?
4. Should we speak about Jesus to everybody?

PROVE FROM SCRIPTURE—That Jesus attracts men.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Ques. 72, 73.

THE LESSON IN DAILY LIFE (Daily Readings)

Monday—John and Peter become disciples, John 1 : 29-42.

Jesus is preferred before John, but John himself proclaims that preference and supremacy of Jesus. The only way to do with the greatness of another, is to recognize it swiftly, to acknowledge it openly, to imitate it faithfully. To recognize greatness of another thus, is to make it ours.

Tuesday—Philip findeth Nathanael, John 1 : 42-51.

Christianity never seeks to be accepted on the ground of authority. Philip is eloquent with a discovery which he has made for himself. But he does not propose to remove Nathanael's doubts by his eloquent assurance. "Come and see." This test Jesus not only challenges but demands.

Wednesday—The call of Matthew, Mark 2 : 13-17.

There are two chapters of daring in Matthew's life. First, he dared to follow Jesus without question, without reserve, without delay. Secondly, while he forsook his business, he did not forsake his friends. It is greater to reclaim than to renounce old friendships.

Thursday—Salvation comes to two women, Acts 16 : 13-18.

When the heart opens, a great many things open with it. An opened heart means an opened mind ready to receive new truths; opened lips swift to say new things; opened hands willing to bestow new gifts; opened doors eager to receive new friends.

Friday—The Philippian jailor, Acts 16 : 25-34.

"The prisoners heard." Do not forget that before the prison was shaken by earthquake it was thrilled with song. The song was as wonderful as the earthquake. When the earthquake had opened doors and broken chains, the charm of that song in the prison and in the night, held the prisoners captives with Paul and Silas.

Saturday—The Samaritan woman testifies to Christ, John 4 : 27-30, 39-42.

The thirst of the heart is greater than the thirst of the lips. Jesus had given the woman to drink from the waters of life, and, in her eagerness to put the same divine chalice to other thirsting souls, she left the water pot behind. It was a hindrance in her greater task.

Sunday—The claims of Christ upon all men, 1 John, ch. 1.

The sense of sin creates two needs for God. The past must be forgiven. The present must be saved. The soul that sees no need of God's mercy for the past, will feel no need for his power to redeem the present.

A PRAYER

Joy fills our hearts, our Saviour, as we hear thy call, "Follow me." Give us thy Spirit, that our response may be prompt, eager, complete. And bless with us those whom we are trying to bring to thee for thy blessing. Amen.