

A.D. 28.] LESSON VIII. [Feb. 24

THE GREAT TEACHER AND THE TWELVE.  
Mark. 6. 1-13. Memory verses 10-12.

GOLDEN TEXT.

And they went out and preached that men should repent. Mark 6. 12.

OUTLINE.

1. The Teacher, v. 1-6.
2. The Twelve, v. 7-13.

TIME.—28 A.D.

PLACES.—Nazareth and other villages in Galilee.

CONNECTING LINKS—Between the last lesson and this our evangelist completes the story of the healing of the daughter of Jairus. Then at once he begins the story of the Lord's return to Nazareth and his final departure, which forms a part of this lesson.

EXPLANATIONS—From thence—From Capernaum. His own country—Nazareth. The carpenter—The phrase shows clearly the life Jesus had led here since boyhood. Offended—Angry that one no better by birth than they dared to teach. A staff only; no scrip—Simply the ordinary shepherd's crook or perhaps walking-stick; but with no pouch or wallet for carrying provisions. Sandals—The ordinary shoes of Palestine. Two coats—That is, the under-garment was sufficient; the outer which would impede travel, was to be left. Shake off the dust—That is, treat it as if it were a heathen city even a partial of heathen was defiling. Anointed with oil, etc.—Oil was a very common medication, and was used by those missionaries as a sign under which they wrought miraculous cures through Christ's power.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. The teacher.
  - To what point did Jesus now return?
  - What was his motive?
  - What did he accomplish there?
  - How had he been treated there when he before announced his mission?
  - What was probably the nature of his teaching?
  - What did the question of his townsmen confess as to the character of his teaching?
  - What was the real ground of their offence at him?
  - Is his reception at Nazareth the only instance of the kind in history?
  - How did their unbelief affect him?
2. The Twelve.
  - Who were the twelve whom he called unto him?
  - For what purpose did he send them forth?
  - Why did he issue the directions of vers. 8, 9?
  - What was of their mission was given to them that John the Baptist had not?
  - Was Judas Iscariot one of these preachers?

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

Here is an example for every Christian worker. Jesus going back to Nazareth. Earnest, tireless, forgiving, patient, willing, even in the face of scorn.

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Were ever twelve weaker preachers sent forth? How little they knew!

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

One among the twelve was a preacher, a thief, a traitor, and a suicide.

HINTS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. Learn the names of the twelve apostles. 2. Learn the position which Jesus said a Christian teacher must occupy in the world. Matt. 10. 16-22, 25-36, 38, etc.

3. Write a story about the return of Jesus to Nazareth: how he hoped they would receive him; how he preached; how he began to do miracles; how a very few wanted to believe; how the majority scoffed and grew angry; how at last he turned sorrowfully away.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

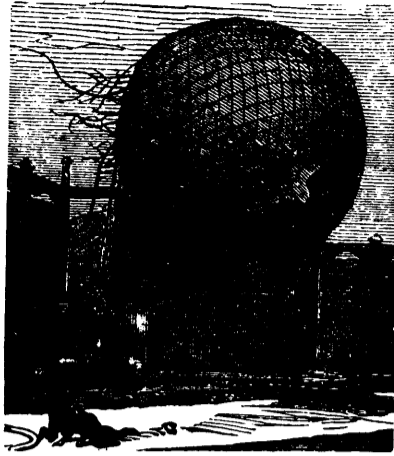
1. To what point did Jesus go before finally leaving Galilee? To his old home, Nazareth.
2. How did his townspeople receive him? They scoffed and rejected him.
3. What scornful question did they ask? "Is not this the carpenter?"

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The missionary spirit.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

10. What does our Lord say of those who reject him?

He declares that they ought to believe in him; and that they would believe in him if they humbly and patiently listened to his words. John viii. 46, 47.



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