

Lesson III.

JESUS AT WORK

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Mark 1 : 21-34. Study Mark 1 : 21-45. *Scripture Memory Verses, 1 Sam. 3 : 4, 5.

Golden Text—We must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day.—John 9 : 4 (Rev. Ver.).



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21 And they went into Caper'naum ; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.

22 And they were astonished at his doctrine : for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit ; and he cried out,

24 Saying, Let us alone ; what have we to do with thee, thou Je'sus of Nazareth ? art thou come to destroy us ? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

25 And Je'sus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this ? what new doctrine is this ? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

28 And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Gal'ilee.

29 And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Si'mon and An'drew, with James and John.

30 But Si'mon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her.

31 And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up ; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

32 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.

33 And all the city was gathered together at the door.

34 And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils ; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Would you like to hear where those four fishermen went when they left their boats and nets and followed Jesus ? Well, we may be sure they kept very close to Jesus, listening to every word he spoke. He told them he was going to teach them how to teach others, so they could be his helpers. They went into the city of Capernaum, beside the Sea of Galilee. It was the Jewish Sabbath and Jesus went to the Jews' church,—they called it a synagogue, and he taught the people there. "This is surely a most wonderful man," they

said as they listened, astonished at the things he was telling them. "He preaches as if he had great power." "He does not teach us as our scribes teach us," they said to one another, but they did not yet believe that Jesus was God's Son.

There was a crazy man in the synagogue that day, who shouted out and disturbed the meeting. "Let us alone ; what have we to do with you ? You are Jesus of Nazareth. You are come to destroy us. I know you ; you are the holy one of God," he cried. Jesus

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