

International Bible Lessons

Studies in the Life of Jesus

LESSON CALENDAR: FOURTH QUARTER

1. October 7.....Jesus Dining with a Pharisee. Luke 14: 1-14.
2. October 14.....Parable of the Great Supper. Luke 14: 15-24.
3. October 21.....The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin. Luke 15: 1-10.
4. October 28.....The Prodigal Son. Luke 15: 11-24.
5. November 4.....The Unjust Steward. Luke 16: 1-13.
6. November 11.....The Rich Man and Lazarus. Luke 16: 19-31.
7. November 18.....The Ten Lepers Cleansed. Luke 17: 11-19.
8. November 25.....Sober Living. Titus 2: 1-15.
9. December 2.....The Rich Young Ruler. Matt. 19: 16-26.
10. December 9.....Bartimæus Healed. Mark 10: 46-52.
11. December 16.....Zacchæus the Publican. Luke 19: 1-10.
12. December 23.....Parable of the Pounds. Luke 19: 11-27; or Christmas Lesson. Matt. 2: 1-11.
13. December 30.....REVIEW.

LESSON IX.

THE RICH YOUNG RULER

December 2, 1900

Matt. 19: 16-26. Commit to memory vs. 23-26. Read Matt. 19: 1-20: 16; Luke 17: 11-18: 14.

16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

18 He saith unto him, Which? Je'sus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, 19 Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: What lack I yet?

21 Je'sus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

23 Then said Je'sus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

25 When his disciples heard that, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

26 But Je'sus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Revised Version.—1 To him and said, Master (Margin, Teacher); 2 Askest thou me concerning that is good? One there is who is good; but, 3 Woulddest; 4 Not kill; 5 Observed; Omit from my youth up; 6 Omit and; 7 The; 8 Was one that had; 9 And Jesus said; 10 It is hard for a rich man to enter; 11 A needle's eye; 12 And when he; 13 Astonished exceedingly; 14 And Jesus looking upon them said to them.

GOLDEN TEXT

Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! Mark 10: 24.

DAILY READINGS

M.—Matt. 19: 16-26. The Rich Young Ruler.
T.—Exodus 20: 1-17. The commandments.
W.—Prov. 30: 1-9. Neither poverty nor riches.
Th.—Mark 10: 23-31. Leaving all.
F.—Luke 9: 18-26. Following fully.
S.—Matt. 6: 16-23. Treasure in heaven.
S.—1 John 5: 1-12. Eternal life.

TIME AND PLACE

Matt. 19: 1, indicates the period at which this incident occurred. It was during the final journey toward Jerusalem, the place somewhere by the way, the precise locality not indicated.

CATECHISM

Q. 52. What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

A. The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, his propriety in us, and the zeal he hath to his own worship.

LESSON PLAN

- I. A Search, 16.
By a rich young ruler for eternal life.
- II. An Offer, 17-21.
Of that life, if he would part with his possessions and follow his Lord.
- III. A Refusal, 22.
Because he preferred his wealth.
- IV. A Warning, 23-26.
That rich men can enter into the Kingdom of Heaven only through the exceeding grace of God.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise—245; 43 (Ps. Sol.); 241; 534; 238; 532.

EXPOSITION

Connecting Links.—Jesus was now in the borders of Judea beyond Jordan." (v. 1.) The Pharisees had been plying Him with catch questions, and Jesus was constantly teaching the multitudes what true righteousness is, showing how superficial was the

Pharisees' observance of the Law. He had also been giving instruction about the kingdom of God—many "hard sayings" for the unspiritual Pharisees. One of these sayings was that children are to be taken as the type of those who are most certainly