

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON I. October 3, 1920. Birth and Childhood of Jesus Matthew 1:1-23, 2:1-5.

Commentary—1. Seeking Jesus (vs. 1-10). 1. When Jesus was born—The mother of Jesus was Mary, a virgin of the tribe of Judah. Jesus was begotten by the Holy Spirit (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:18; Luke 1:26-35). Jesus was born in the year B.C. 5. See Introduction. In Bethlehem of Judaea. This Bethlehem was in the territory of ancient Judaea and five miles south of Jerusalem. It was the tribe of Zebulun, six miles west of Nazareth. In the days of Herod the king—This was Herod the Great who was king of Palestine. Wise men from the east—These were magi, or sages, who represented the learning and the wealth of eastern lands, probably Persia. They held the belief that a Messiah or Savior would come at some time to the world. It is commonly supposed that there were three wise men, yet Augustine and Chrysostom placed the number at twelve. To Jerusalem—The wise men came naturally to Jerusalem since it was the centre of the Jewish religion. They were searching for the King and would expect to find him in a palace of the capital. Jews were scattered in all countries of the East and would impart to those among whom they lived the knowledge of the coming Messiah. 2. Where is he that is born King of the Jews—The wise men naturally expected that the birth of a king would be common knowledge and they would have no difficulty in locating him. Have seen the star in the east—While they were in the east, they saw the star. The star was specially given them for their guidance and they were divinely impressed that the star would direct them to the King. Are come to worship him—They frankly acknowledged that they had come to do so. Herod the king heard these things—The inquiry of the wise men reached the ears of the king, who was immediately in trouble, thinking an attempt would be made to remove him and set up another king in Jerusalem. He was a wicked king and advanced in years. All Jerusalem with him—They feared the troubles a revolution might occasion. 4. Demanded of them where Christ should be born—Inquired of them where the Christ should be born.—R.V. The high priest and those associated with him. Herod the king was exalted and familiar with the Scriptures that they might answer Herod's question. 5. Bethlehem of Judaea—The chief of the scribes found the answer to the inquiry in Micah 5:2. 6. Not the least—Although Bethlehem was little, yet it was exalted above all the other cities of Israel because the Messiah should be born there. Shall come a Governor—Christ would come clothed with authority. That shall rule—The thought is of shepherding a flock, and the flock would be God's chosen people, Israel. 7. Had privately called the wise men—Herod was about to give directions to the wise men as to where to go and the object of their search, but he desired to keep the time of Christ's birth as secret as possible lest the king who hated him should take occasion to rebel. 8. He followed the directions of the Lord. Search diligently—Herod was honest in making this charge to them; he greatly desired to receive definite word concerning the new King. And worship him also—Herod had no desire to worship Jesus. His only object in desiring to know about him was that he might put him to death. 9. The star—went before them—The same star which they had seen in their own country now again appears. The star had disappeared for a time and this led them to inquire in Jerusalem for the young King whom they sought. Supernatural helps should not be expected where ordinary means are to be had. 10. They rejoiced—The Greek is very emphatic. They rejoiced exceedingly because they saw they were about to find the child and because they had such unmistakable proof of being in divine order. 11. Worshipping Jesus (v. 11). 11. fell down—They prostrated themselves before him according to the eastern custom. gifts—The people of the east did not approach to the presence of kings without bringing them presents. The custom still prevails in many places. gold, etc.—Gold would always be useful, while frankincense and myrrh were prized for their delicious fragrance. These were the very presents Isaiah mentioned: "All they that shall bring gold and incense" (Isa. 60:6). 12. Warned of God in a dream—God communicated his purpose to them in a manner that they understood, and the impression or conviction was so clear that they at once obeyed. should not return to Herod—The command had been given them by Herod to return, but now there came a command from a higher source. 13. The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream—The wise men had been warned in a dream as a step toward the safety of the newly-born King, and now the Lord gave further directions by means of a dream to take the Christ out of Herod's reach. flee into Egypt—Egypt was readily accessible from Judaea and was a refuge for those who might desire to flee thither. "It had sheltered many thousands of Jews from the tyranny of the Syrian kings." Many of the inhabitants of Egypt were Jews. Egypt was at that time a Roman province. be thou there until I bring thee word—The Lord had given the word to flee into Egypt, and he would give directions as to when the family should return. 14. He took the young child and his mother by night—In Bethlehem this family was away from their Nazareth home temporarily, but now they were going further

The departure was by night and evidently the same night during which Joseph had the dream. 15. was there until the death of Herod—It is supposed that the death of Herod took place about two years later. out of Egypt have I called my son—This prophecy is found in Hosea 11:1. It has direct reference to the deliverance and its fulfillment presents to use a type which was fulfilled in the return of the child Jesus from Egypt. Questions—Where was Jesus born? When? Who was king of Judaea? What was the character of this king? Who came to Jerusalem seeking for Jesus? From whence did they come? Why was Jesus called King of the Jews? How had the wise men been led in their search? Why was Herod troubled? Whom did Herod gather together? For what purpose? What charge did Herod give the wise men? Why? How did they approach Christ? What warning was given to the wise men? After leaving Jesus what did the wise men do? What warning was given to Joseph?

PRACTICAL SURVEY. Topic—The King comes as a little child. I. The childhood of Jesus. II. The Kingship of Jesus. It is not an accident, out of express purpose, that the gospel communicates with a genealogical table. The prophets had announced our Lord Jesus Christ as the seed of Abraham and the son of David. He was the promised "seed" in whom all nations of the earth are blessed. Matthew traces the descent from Abraham; Luke (2: 2-38), the ascent through human lineage to God. In the record we find unexpected names, not by accident, but of express purpose. Jesus, as a racial Saviour, is of "all nations." I. The childhood of Jesus. "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise." The incarnation is scripturally and philosophically inseparable from redemption. From this point human history breaks away on a new line. A creative miracle by the Holy Ghost at the foundation of Christianity, human interests and hopes focus in a divine-human personality. In Christ there is an inexpressible union of the perfect divine, and the perfect human. On his mother's side, human; on the divine, by the mysterious creation of the Spirit. His birth, childhood, youth, manhood, unite him inseparably with the experiences of humanity. A Redeemer like us, and yet so unlike us, as to be "separated from sinners." He was born with specific and exclusive reference to the sins of the race. His prenatal name focuses the great purpose of His coming. "He does not come into the history of the race with a small programme." Jesus is both- ing if not the Saviour. Apart from redemption, the incarnation was immense moral squandering. The sympathy of sin followed Him from the manger cradle to the mountain cross. His first appearance in the temple, whose splendor was a typical foretaste of the glory of Him who now entered its sacred portals, was the signal for His reception by those who may be regarded as representatives of the spiritual remnant of Israel. Simeon and Anna, both aged and saintly, had been watching with prophetic outlook for the rising of the "Sun of righteousness." II. The Kingship of Christ. Jesus was born "King of the Jews," and springing from them to the King of all men. As the Son of God, and the Son of David, He was royal by both divine and human lineage. The Gentiles welcomed Him in the "wise men" who, miraculously guided, came four months from home to do Him homage and bring gifts worthy of royal state. Ages before, a prophet from the same region had predicted the Messiah as the "Star out of Jacob" (Num. 24: 17). Daniel foretold the kingdom "which shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and shall stand forever." He will reign, not by force of grandeur or earthly state, but by the power of spiritual forces. Even Herod felt the trembling of his throne and sought to support it by a bloody expedient which could not touch the new born King. Out of his humiliation has come his supreme and everlasting exaltation (Phil. 2: 6-11). "The banished One shall become the centre of nations." From the eternities it was pre-destined that the "government shall be upon His shoulder."

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Lovely Spots in Pontiac County, Quebec (1) The Harbour at Fort William, P.Q. (2) Water Falls at Des Joachims, along the Ottawa River. (3) On the beautiful sandy beach at Fort William, P.Q. there are hundreds of log seats. The Province of Quebec is dotted with many beautiful landscapes and water scenes. Some of these are well known, but many of them have been little heard of. For years Quyon and Campbell's Bay, Fort Coulonge and Bryson have been known to lumbermen and sportsmen and have been fished and hunted, and they have serenely still about their exploits. But that sandy beach at Campbell's Bay, and that new camping ground at Davidson fairly cry out for visitors, and if we know the signs, it won't be long before dozens of families will follow the example of the few Montreals who have kept this Pontiac country a carefully-guarded secret. In spite of its comparatively exclusive appeal, the Waltham of Pontiac county is easily accessible. The train service on the Canadian Pacific Railway from Ottawa is excellent. The whole line is eighty miles long, or just half the distance from Montreal to the end of the Laurentian line. Almost all the way it skirts the Ottawa River, which furnishes pike, pickerel, and bass and delightful bathing pools, and it will be a message of cheer to the suffering scratchers to learn that there are no mosquitoes here. Fort Coulonge and Campbell's Bay have good hotels, indeed "Coulonge House" is a model of cleanliness and homelike atmosphere—no mothers who are weary of housekeeping cars can pack up the family and fare forth to one of these quiet villages, confident that the children will grow brown and fat, and that they themselves will have no worry over household problems. It is a country of low green hills, of many sparkling lakes, of silvery rivers, the Ottawa and the Coulonge—there are steamers and ferries to carry one across the river—steamers to Pembroke and ferries to Calumet and Renfrew. Beyond Waltham, at the end of the line, is the well-known resort of Port William, Quebec, just across the river from Petawawa, Ontario. Near Fort William is Des Joachims, where there is a pretty waterfall. The swaggering lumbermen and the picturesque hunter have largely vanished from the villages. From Quyon to Waltham is a country ideal for summering, new in this capacity, and taking all the pleasure in its new character that an experienced actor takes in mastering the details of an unfamiliar play. J. I. T.

OTHER MARKETS MINNEAPOLIS. Minneapolis—Flour unchanged to lower; in carload lots family patents quoted at \$12.70 to \$13.00 a barrel in 95-pound cotton sacks; shipments \$14.00. Bran, \$39.50 to \$42.00. Wheat, cash, No. 1 Northern, \$2.47 5/8 to \$2.52 5/8. Corn, No. 2 yellow, \$1.11 to \$1.12. Oats, No. 2 white, 53 7/8 to 54 7/8. Flax, No. 1 \$3.25 to \$3.27. CHEESE MARKETS. St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 29.—At today's meeting of the St. Paul Dairy Board \$4.00 per cwt. of butter sold to Gagnon, Quebec, at 38 3/4c, and 40 boxes cheese sold to Gagnon, Quebec, at 3 1/2c, and 40 boxes cheese sold to Ayer, Montreal, at 3 1/4c.

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MARSHAL PETAIN, The hero of Verdun, who married a wealthy widow in Paris on Tuesday.

COLBY STANDS BY SUFFRAGE Washington, Sept. 29.—Secretary Colby has refused to grant the request of anti-suffragists from Tennessee that he rescind his action in proclaiming ratification of the Federal suffrage amendment on the basis of favorable action on the amendment by the Tennessee Legislature. To have the children sound and healthy is the first care of a mother. They cannot be healthy if troubled with worms. Use Mother Graves' Worm Extirminator. An average man is one who is neither a brilliant success as a money-maker nor a dismal failure as a spendthrift.

NEAR LYNCHING IN CHICAGO RIOT One of Negro Party Kills Trolley Conductor. Five Fled to Church, Priest Defies Mob. Chicago, Sept. 29.—Five negroes, arrested in connection with the slaying of a street car conductor by one of their number were saved from lynching when they fled to St. Gabriel's Church to-night. Father Burke, the pastor, with the aid of a few police, held a mob of 10,000 at bay until the negroes had been taken to jail. The crowd dispersed in small bands and race rioting started in a score of places. Charles Barrett, a conductor, had an argument with two negroes. The conductor attempted to force them from the car when the negroes stabbed and shot him to death. Passengers pursued the negroes when they fled from the car with their friends. The crowded street became a racing mob. The negroes fled through the swinging doors of St. Gabriel's Church. Father Burke fastened the doors behind him and took up a position on the steps to face the mob. A few policemen gained his side. "I am Father Burke," the priest shouted. "This place is a sanctuary. I order every person here to leave at once." The handful of police soon had the mob under control. Father Burke led the police into the church. The negroes were hiding in a confessional. They were surrounded and taken from the church through a cellar door. Holloway's Corn Cure takes the corn out by the roots. Try it and prove it.



ON THE BEACH AT WAIKIKI. The Prince of Wales waiting to go surfing on the famous beach at Waikiki, Honolulu.

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GAS FROM STRAW MAY RUN AUTOS Washington, Sept. 29.—The operation of automobiles by gas made from straw is a possibility of the future. "A gas obtained by the destructive distillation of wheat, oat and rye straws," the Department of Agriculture, announced to-day, "is now being produced upon a small scale at the Experimental Farm at Arlington, Va. Although an automobile has been operated with the combustible, and it has been used for illuminating purposes as well as for cooking, the possibilities of straw gas are not yet fully determined." Do not allow worms to sap the vitality of your child. If not attended to, worms may work irreparable harm to the constitution of the infant. The little sufferers cannot voice their ailment, but there are many signs by which mothers are made aware that a dose of Miller's Worm Powder is necessary. These powders act quickly and will expel worms from the system without any inconvenience to the child. NO. 1 NORTHERN. Bulk of N. Alberta Wheat So Grades. Edmonton, Sept. 29.—The bulk of Northern Alberta wheat now being marketed is grading No. 1 northern, according to reports at the offices of the Gillespie Elevator Company. It is all of a good color, and with practically no evidences of frost. It is estimated that the average yield will run from 20 to 25 bushels an acre; \$2.35 is being paid for wheat that can be moved east without delay. For Sprains and Bruises—There is nothing better for sprains and contusions than Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. It will reduce the swelling that follows a sprain, will cool the inflamed flesh and draw the pain as if by magic. It will take the ache out of a bruise and prevent the flesh from discoloring. It seems as if there was magic in it, so speedily does the injury disappear under treatment.