

**Jesus Still Heals as at Capernaum.**

At even, ere the sun was set,  
The sick O Lord, around thee lay  
Oh, in what divers pains they met  
Oh, with what joy they went away

Once more tis eventide, and we  
Oppressed with various ills draw near,  
What if thy form we cannot see?  
We know and feel that thou art here

O Saviour Christ, our woes dispel  
For some are sick, and some are sad,  
And some have never loved thee well,  
And some have lost the love they had,

And some have found the world is vain,  
And to be wholly free from sin,  
And some have friends who give them pain,  
Yet have not sought a friend in thee;

And all, O Lord, crave perfect rest,  
And to be wholly free from sin,  
And they who fain would serve thee best  
Are conscious most of wrong within.

O Saviour Christ, thou too art man,  
Thou hast been troubled, tempted, tried,  
Thy kind but searching glance can scan  
The very wounds that shame would hide;

Thy touch has still its ancient power;  
No word from thee can fruitless fall,  
Hear in this solemn evening hour,  
And in thy mercy heal us all.

**LESSON NOTES.**

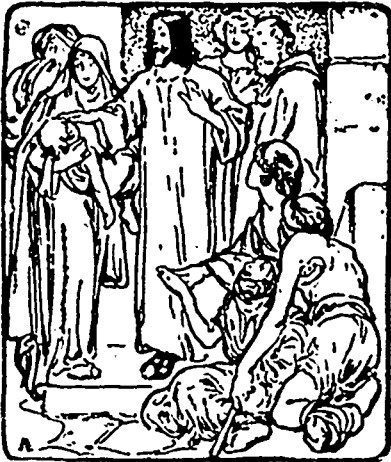
**FIRST QUARTER**

**STUDIES IN THE LIFE OF JESUS.**

**LESSON IX.—MARCH 4.**

**JESUS HEALING IN CAPERNAUM.**

Mark 1. 21-34. Memory verses 32-31.



**GOLDEN TEXT.**

And he healed many that were sick.—  
Mark 1. 34.

**OUTLINE.**

1. A Miracle in the Synagogue, v. 21-28.
  2. A Miracle in the Home, v. 29-31.
  3. Unnumbered Miracles, v. 32-34.
- Time.—Early in A.D. 28.  
Place.—Capernaum.

**LESSON HELPS.**

21. "The synagogue"—The place in every Jewish town in our Lord's time where the Jews assembled on the Sabbath for the religious worship of reading, exhortation, and instruction in the Scriptures.

22. "His doctrine" Simply. His teaching. Not as the scribes, but as one who is not in accordance with the traditional interpretations of the past, but with his own new and fresh interpretation.

23. "With an unclean spirit"—Or possessed with a devil; demoniacal possession was a matter of common belief and apparently of frequent experience in those times.

24. "To destroy us"—Perhaps this means to drive them back to the world of lost spirits.

26. "Had torn him"—Had caused the victim a paroxysm of pain.

30. "Of a fever"—In the very imperfect medical language of that day fevers were simply divided into little and great fevers. Luke, who was a physician, characterized this as a "great fever."

32. "At even, when the sun did set"—A part of the wonderful works of Christ told in this lesson were after the Sabbath had closed. "They brought . . . all that were diseased"—One of the commonest and grossest errors in relation to the miracles of Christ is that they were few in number, so that they are all recorded in detail.

34. He healed many"—Healing "many" does not necessarily or probably imply



**CHRIST HEALING THE AFFLICTED.** Gustave Doré.

that some were left unhealed, but rather that he healed them all (Matt. 8. 16), and that those whom he thus healed were many. "Suffered not the devils to speak"—His peremptory and stern dealing with these malignant beings was to show his abhorrence of their malignant nature.

**HOME READINGS.**

- M. Jesus healing in Capernaum.—Mark 1. 21-34.
- Tu. Healing in the synagogue.—Luke 13. 10-17.
- W. The word of power.—Matt. 8. 23-34.
- Th. Satan cast out.—Matt. 12. 14-28.
- F. The power of Christ's name.—Acts 16. 14-18.
- S. The promised Healer.—Isa. 42. 1-9.
- Su. A sympathetic Saviour.—Heb. 4. 12-16.

**QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.**

1. A Miracle in the Synagogue, v. 21-28.  
To what city did Jesus go?  
Where did he go on the Sabbath?  
How did the Jews affect the people?  
Why were they astonished?  
What unwelcome visitor came to the synagogue?  
What two questions did he ask?  
What declaration did he make?  
What command did Jesus give?  
What then occurred?  
How did this affect the people?  
What did they say?  
How far did tidings of these things go?
2. A Miracle in the Home, v. 29-31.  
To whose home did Jesus go?  
Who there needed his help?  
How does Luke the physician describe the illness? Luke 4. 38.
3. Unnumbered Miracles, v. 32-34.  
What did Jesus do for the sick woman?

- What else did he do? Luke 4. 39.
- What effect at once followed?
- Who were brought to Jesus? When?
- What statement indicates a great crowd?
- What did he do for the sick?
- What for those who were possessed?
- Why did he not permit the demons to speak?
- What did they know about him? Luke 4. 41.

**PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.**

- What are we taught in this lesson—
- 1. About Jesus as a Teacher?
- 2. About the power of Jesus?
- 3. About bringing our friends to Jesus?

**CAPERNAUM.**

Our lessons bring us again, on March 4, to our Lord's own city of Capernaum, with which so much of his public life and holy ministry was identified. Capernaum, once a busy port, at whose gate sat Matthew at the receipt of custom, is now but a mound of ruins overgrown with thorns and briars on the lonely shores of the Sea of Galilee. On a beautiful morning in April, 1890, the present writer sailed in one of the few fishing boats now upon this lovely lake along its curving shore, landed in a dense thicket of alders and visited these lonely ruins. The most conspicuous ones were those of the White Synagogue, shown in our cut on this page. It is altogether probable that this is the synagogue built by the centurion mentioned in the seventh chapter of Luke, of whom it is said, "He loveth our nation and he hath built us a synagogue." In this very building whose ruins we see it is probable that Jesus taught. It is now but



**CAPERNAUM, AND THE RUINS OF WHITE SYNAGOGUE.—SEE LESSON NOTES.**

a confused and tumbled pile of broken stones.

Over the holy lake, at a distance of forty miles, still shines the snowy summit of Mount Hermon, dazzling white in the noon-day sun, rosy red in its setting light, ashen gray in the deepening twilight and spectral-white and ghost-like beneath the silent stars. It lends wonderful interest to this lovely lake to feel that we are walking right in the very footprints of the Redeemer and gazing upon the very scenes which met his eyes

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