

## INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

## FIRST QUARTER: STUDIES IN LUKE.

GOLDEN TEXT. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. John 1. 11.

A. D. 27.]

## LESSON IX. JESUS AT NAZARETH.

[March 2.]

## Authorized Version.

## Revised Version.

Luke 4. 16-32. [Commit to memory verses 18-21.]

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet E-sa'ias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

20 And he closed the book, and gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears.

22 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

23 And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done at Ca-per-na-um, do also here in thy country.

24 And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.

25 But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Is-ra-el in the days of E-li'as, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;

26 But unto none of them was E-li'as sent, save unto Se-rew'a, a city of Si'don, unto a woman that was a widow.

27 And many lepers were in Is-ra-el in the time of E-li'e-us the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Na'a-man the Sy'ri-an.

28 And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,

29 And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.

30 But he, passing through the midst of them, went his way,

31 And came down to Ca-per-na-um, a city of Gal'i-lee, and taught them on the sabbath days.

32 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and he entered, as his custom was, into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Isalah. And he opened the book, and found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

Because he anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor:

He hath sent me to proclaim release to the captives.

And recovering of sight to the blind,

To set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

20 And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down: and the eyes of all in the

21 synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, to-day hath the scripture been fulfilled

22 in your ears. And all bare him witness, and wondered at his words of grace which proceeded out of his mouth: and they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

23 And he said unto them, Doubtless ye will say unto me this parable, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done at Ca-per-na-um, do also here in

24 thine own country. And he said, Verily I say unto you,

25 No prophet is acceptable in his own country. But of a truth I say unto you, There were many widows in

Israel in the days of E-li'jah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when there

26 came a great famine over all the land; and unto none of them was E-li'jah sent, but only to Zar'e-phath,

in the land of Si'don, unto a woman that was a widow.

27 And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of E-li'sha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed,

28 but only Na'a-man the Sy'ri-an. And they were all filled with wrath in the synagogue, as they heard

29 these things: and they rose up, and cast him forth out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill

whereon their city was built, that they might throw

30 him down headlong. But he passing through the midst of them went his way.

31 And he came down to Ca-per-na-um, a city of Gal'i-lee.

32 And he was teaching them on the sabbath day: and they were astonished at his teaching: for his word was with authority.

## General Statement.

Great events have taken place in the eighteen months since the voice of the prophet sounded from the shore of Jordan. Already the Baptist's work is finished, and the door of Herod's prison by the Dead Sea has closed upon him. The carpenter of Nazareth now stands before the people as their promised Redeemer. The declaration of the forerunner and the voice from heaven proclaim him to be the Son of God, and his mighty works and wonderful words attest his divinity. From the baptismal stream he has gone down to the wilderness, and proved his purity and his power by a victory over the tempter. Again, at the Jordan, he is pointed out by John as the Lamb of God, and a few disciples gather around him. John 1. At a wedding-feast in Cana of Galilee he first shows his miraculous power, and soon after, by driving the traders from the court of the temple at Jerusalem, he asserts divine authority. John 2. The fame of the new Teacher resounds through the land, but as already the Pharisees of Jerusalem look coldly upon him, he turns his footsteps toward his own Galilee. Resting awhile by the patriarch's well, he wins the soul of the Samaritan woman (John 4), and then passes on his way, preaching in the synagogues and teaching by the way-side and the lake-shore. Once again he stands among the familiar scenes of his boyhood at Nazareth—not now the carpenter, but the prophet of renown. The village synagogue is crowded with his former neighbors and work-fellows, and every eye is turned toward the young man of whom such strange things are told. He reads the prophetic scroll, proclaiming the acceptable year of the Lord, and calmly appropriates the prediction to himself, while the hearts of his listeners wonder at his gracious words, and are filled with scornful unbelief at his lofty claims.