

International Bible Lesson

Studies in the Gospel by John

SECOND QUARTER: LESSON CALENDAR

1. April 2	The Raising of Lazarus. John 11: 32-45.
2. April 9	The Anointing in Bethany. John 12: 1-11.
3. April 16	Jesus Teaching Humility. John 13: 1-17.
4. April 23	Jesus the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. John 14: 1-14.
5. April 30	The Comforter Promised. John 14: 15-27.
6. May 7	The Vine and the Branches. John 15: 1-11.
7. May 14	Christ Betrayed and Arrested. John 18: 1-14.
8. May 21	Christ Before the High Priest. John 18: 15-27.
9. May 28	Christ Before Pilate. John 18: 28-40.
10. June 4	Christ Crucified. John 19: 17-30.
11. June 11	Christ Risen. John 20: 11-20.
12. June 18	The New Life in Christ. Col. 3: 1-15.
13. June 25	REVIEW.

LESSON VI.

THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

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John 15: 1-11. Commit to memory vs. 8 & 8. Compare John 15: 16; Matt. 7: 16-20.

1. I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he (1) purgeth it, that it may (3) bring forth more fruit.

3. (3) Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; (4) no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same (5) bringeth forth much fruit: for (6) without me ye can do nothing.

6. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a

branch, and is withered; and (7) men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, (8) ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

9. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: (9) continue ye in my love.

10. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11. These things have I spoken unto you, that (10) my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

Revised Version.—(1) Cleanseth; (2) May bear; (3) Already ye are clean because of the word; (4) So neither can ye; (5) Beareth; (6) Apart from me; (7) They; (8) Ask (imperative) whatsoever ye will; (9) Abide; (10) My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be fulfilled.

GOLDEN TEXT

"I am the vine, ye are the branches."—John 15: 5.

DAILY READINGS

M.—John 15: 1-11. The Vine and the Branches.

T.—1 John 2: 1-9. Saying and doing.

W.—1 John 8: 18-24. Proof of abiding in Christ.

Th.—Matt. 7: 15-23. Known by fruit.

F.—Gal. 5: 16-23. Spiritual fruit.

S.—Rom. 12: 1-5. One in Christ.

Sa.—Eph. 4: 1-16. Christ the Head.

LESSON PLAN

THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES.

I. The True Vine, 1, 2

Christ Himself; the husbandman, His Father, who cuts off fruitless and prunes fruitful branches.

II. Fruitfulness, 3-5

Through abiding in Christ.

III. Fruitlessness, 6.

Followed by destruction.

IV. Privilege and duty, 7-11.

The privilege of unhindered prayer (v. 7) and of sharing in their Master's love (v. 10) and joy (v. 11).

The duty of glorifying the Father (v. 8), of keeping Christ's commandments and so continuing in His love (vs. 9, 10).

TIME

As in previous lesson.

PLACE

Probably still the upper room. Ch. 14 closes with Christ's words, "Arise, let us go hence," and in Ch. 18: 1 it is said "that they went forth." Chs. 15, 16, 17 may have been spoken as they were standing ready to go.

CATECHISM

Q. 58. What is required in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set times as He hath appointed in His word, expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy Sabbath to himself.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 17 (Ps), 573, 211, 594, 577.

CONNECTING LINKS

His promise of the Holy Spirit the Comforter given, and of peace, Jesus prepares to leave the upper room with His disciples (ch. 14: 31). Some think that they actually withdrew at this point, *in*

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