

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON XII. March 25, 1917. Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life.—John 14: 1-14.

(A reading lesson only.) SUMMARY.—Lesson I. Topic: God revealed to humanity. Place: Christ was born in Bethlehem. John's opening statement is that Jesus, the Word, was in the beginning with God and that he created all things.

II. Topic: Witness-bearing. Place: Bethabara, on the east bank of the Jordan. While John the Baptist was preaching and baptizing in the wilderness, the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to him that they might learn why he baptized.

III. Topic: Finding the Christ. Place: Bethabara, John the Baptist said to two of his disciples, "Behold the Lamb of God!" One of the two was Andrew and the other was probably John.

IV. Topic: Christ's defence. Place: Jerusalem. A few months after Jesus began his public ministry, he attended the feast of the Passover in Jerusalem. He saw the traders in the temple and drove them out, for it was wrong to make the house of God a house of merchandise.

V. Topic: The great Teacher. Place: Jerusalem. A prominent Jew, Nicodemus, came to Jesus, to talk with him. Jesus told him that one must be born again in order to enter the kingdom of heaven.

VI. Topic: A spiritual awakening. Place: Jacob's well, near Sychar. Jesus was passing through Samaria. He rested by Jacob's well while his disciples went to buy food.

VII. Topic: Living faith. Place: Cana. As Jesus came to Galilee, the people received him, while he was in Cana, a high official came to him from Capernaum, asking him to go to his home to heal his son, who was at the point of death.

VIII. Topic: A miracle of mercy. Place: Jerusalem. Some time after the healing of the nobleman's son, Jesus was at Jerusalem to attend a feast. He went to the pool of Bethesda, where there were many sick people waiting to go into the water to be cured.

IX. Topic: Food in the desert. Place: Bethsaida, on the northeast shore of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus and his disciples went across the sea for a period of three days, but the next day Jesus knew where he was and followed him. He fed five thousand men besides women and children by multiplying five loaves and two fishes.

X. Topic: Imperishable food. Place: Capernaum. After the feeding of the multitude, crowds of people followed Jesus, and in Capernaum he spoke to them, saying that they were following him for the loaves and fishes.

XI. Topic: Redemption proclaimed. Place: Jerusalem. Jesus was at the Feast of Tabernacles. He told the Jews that he was the Light of the world. He showed them that though they were the children of Abraham, they could be saved only through the Son of God.

PRACTICAL SURVEY. Topic.—The world's Redeemer. I. His presentation by John. II. His claim as the Messiah. III. His teaching and miracles.

I. His presentation by John. God's great prophet, John the Baptist, is known to the world only as the herald of Jesus Christ. His one great mission was to "prepare the way of the Lord." His one great message was to declare the fulfillment of prophecy in the coming of Jesus as the Messiah.

II. His claim as the Messiah. In matters of religious life the Jewish nation was so corrupt that the interpretation of their scriptures had been warped through the hypocrisy of its leaders and their beliefs were distorted by the traditions of men.

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PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS. Jesus of life are many and are filled with darkness and danger. The world's altar stairs that slope up through the darkness to God are broken and disconnected outside of Jesus Christ.

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PRICES FOR LIVE STOCK—A REVIEW AND FORECAST

Prospects Are That Record Prices Will be Realized for Cattle, Sheep and Hogs During the Months of June and July—Don't Sell Now for Shipment During the Summer—Hold On to Your Stock.

The past year, 1916, has been a decidedly good year for live stock men, despite the high price of feed. Never before were such good prices obtained for all kinds of stock, and the prospects for the year 1917 are that prices will be even better and that all previous records will be broken.

Present prices for all kinds of stock on the Toronto market are record prices for this time of the year. Thus let us compare present prices for the third week in February with prices for the same week in previous years.

On the average, prices for cattle are best during the summer months of May, June, July and August. Most men are busy with the crops during these months and receipts are light.

The market for hogs during the last three years has been rather erratic, but the best months on the average to sell are May, June, July and August. Chiefly on account of the war the export trade of Canada in beef, mutton and pork has increased enormously and is still going up.

In 1914 the amount of mutton exported was 65,167 pounds, whereas in the year 1915 the amount of mutton exported rose to 1,064,963 pounds. In 1915 moreover, the amount of mutton imported decreased by more than 2,000,000 pounds compared with that imported in 1914.

We have seen that prices for all kinds of live stock during 1915 and 1916 were good, but what of the future? What prices may we expect to get for our animals if we market them during the best months of the year?

In February, 1916, the average price for choice steers was \$8, and the top price of the year, which was reached in July, was \$10.75, the average for the month being \$7.74.

In February, 1916, the average price for choice lambs was \$12.50, and in July the top average price was reached at \$14.55. The highest price for this month was \$15. That is to say, there was a difference of \$2.50 between the average February price and the highest price paid in July.

Therefore the August price for hogs should be \$17.30. HEAVY SHIPMENTS OF CALVES. More cattle, calves, sheep and hogs were sold on the Toronto market during the year 1915 than during the year 1914, and more animals of all classes were sold during the year 1916 than during the year 1915.

We have seen that the tendency is for prices of all kinds of live stock to rise. There is a reason for this quite apart from the war. In 1910 in the whole Dominion of Canada there were 4,356,193 beef animals whereas in 1914 the number had dropped to about 3,363,531, that is, was a drop of about 1,000,000 during the four years.

We cannot neglect the great influence the war has had in increasing prices. From what has gone before it is certain that prices would have increased nearly as much as they have.

As indeed there is now, there will be a great shortage of farm help in all the warring nations, including Canada. Agricultural production must therefore in the nature of things be greatly reduced after the war, to what it was before the war.

MARKET REPORTS

TORONTO MARKETS.

Table with columns for Dairy Products, Fruits, and Vegetables. Items include Butter, Cheese, Apples, Potatoes, etc. with prices listed.

MEATS—WHOLESALE.

Table listing meat prices: Beef, forequarters, cwt. \$13.00; Do, common, 11.00; Veals, common, cwt., 9.50.

TORONTO CATTLE MARKETS.

Table listing cattle market prices: Export cattle, choice, 10.75; Butcher cattle, choice, 10.00; Do, medium, 8.50.

OTHER MARKETS.

WINNIPEG GRAIN EXCHANGE.

Table listing grain prices: Wheat—Open, High, Low, Close; Corn, No. 2, 1.47 1/2; Barley, 1.45 1/2.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Table listing Chicago live stock prices: Cattle, receipts 4,000; Market firm; Native beef cattle, 9.00.

BUFFALO LIVE STOCK.

Table listing Buffalo live stock prices: East Buffalo, Despatch—Cattle receipts 100 active and steady.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Table listing Liverpool market prices: Australian in London—62s. 3d.; Turpetine spirits—32s.

AFRICAN ELEPHANTS.

They May Be in Captivity, But They Are Never in Subjection.

For many reasons the chase of the elephant stands at the apex of sport. As a man killer in open combat he ranks with the lion and the African buffalo.

Speedy Giraffes.

The kangaroo, supposedly a fleet beast, covers but ten to fourteen feet a second, while the giraffe dashes along over sixty feet in the same time.

SUNDAY AT HOME

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