

HOME STUDY LEAFLET.

LESSON 3.

OCTOBER 21st, 1894.

4th QUARTER.

A. Sabbath in Capernaum. Mark 1: 21-34.

GOLDEN TEXT: "He taught them as one ~~that~~ had authority, and not as the scribes." Mark 1: 22.

COMMIT TO MEMORY verses 27, 28. **CHILDREN'S HYMNAL** 23, 38, 32, 85.

PROVE THAT—Jesus was always doing good. Acts 10: 38.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Quest. 98. What is prayer?

DAILY PORTIONS.

(The Selections of the International Bible Reading Association.)

MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.	SABBATH.
Mark 1: 21-34	Mark 1: 35-45	Matt. 15: 21-31	John 7: 40-53	Matt. 7: 24-29	Acts 16: 14-18	John 8: 25-32

To the Teacher.—Do not credit any Scholar with having prepared the lesson who does not at least try to answer the questions. Take the leaflet home and assign a value to each answer, announcing the result on the following Sabbath. *Take, or send, the Leaflet to absent scholars.*

Always bring your Bible and Shorter Catechism to the Sabbath School.

HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY.—The events of our lesson follow immediately after the call of the four fishermen. Jesus had now taken up his residence at Capernaum, or at least made it his headquarters. The city has long since disappeared, and its very site is uncertain. Ruins encumber the shores of that sacred lake for, like Chorazin and Bethsaida, Capernaum knew not the time of its gracious visitation. (Matt. 11: 23). It lay on the north-western shore of the sea of Galilee and was the centre of the most populous district of Palestine. Here was a custom house (Mark 9: 9; Luke 5: 27) and a military station with its detachment of Roman soldiers (Matt. 8: 5, 9; Luke 7: 1, 8). There seems to have been but one synagogue, the gift of a devout centurion (Luke 7: 5).

LESSON PLAN. I. In the Synagogue. vs. 21-28. II. In the Home. vs. 29-31. III. Among the Afflicted. vs. 32-34.

I. IN THE SYNAGOGUE. 21. Read Luke 4: 31-37. **Straightway on the Sabbath**—He went into the synagogue on the first Sabbath after his arrival in the town. **The synagogue**—This corresponds to our church. The service resembled one of our prayer meetings. The scriptures were read and the meeting was open for exhortation, or discussion of the passage read. There was no singing. It is fitting that the Christian church should sing, for Jesus has risen and redemption is complete. **22. They were astonished**—at his mode of teaching. The scribes were accustomed to tell them what good and wise men thought about the passage, but Jesus gave his own opinion, and was so plainly right that they could not accuse him of presumption. His words went home to the hearts and consciences of his hearers. **The scribes**—called also "lawyers" (Matt. 22: 35) and "doctors" (Luke 5: 17). They made copies of the scriptures, studied the law, and were learned in its literature and requirements. **23. A man with an unclean spirit**—lit. "in an unclean spirit," under its influence, controlled by it, as we say "in drink" or "in love." This was not an insane man, nor a specially bad man, but one over whom satan had obtained mysterious power. Probably he was like others most of the time, except when the "fit" came on him. When we yield to sinful habits we submit to satan. **24. What have we to do with thee**—The evil spirit writhed under the holy words of Jesus. **He knew why**

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