

Sunday School.

LESSON III.—MORN.—Easter Lessons.—John 20: 1-18.

Commentary.—I. The visit to the sepulchre (vs. 1-10) 1. The first day of the week.—The body of Jesus was placed in the tomb before sunset on Friday and lay there until very early on Sunday morning. A part of Friday, the whole of Saturday and a part of Sunday were together, according to Jewish usage, called three days. Mary Magdalene—she was most earnestly devoted to the Master, and it appears that her zeal led her to reach the tomb in advance of the other women. Their mission was to enshrine the body of Jesus, yet dark—Before daylight, the sepulchre—it was the new tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, who had requested the Roman officer to permit him to provide for the burial of the body of our Lord, the stone taken away.—The women had inquired, as they were on the way to the sepulchre, who should roll away the stone (Mark 16, 3). The opening into the tomb was like a door in a wall of rock, which was covered by a large stone like a millstone. In Matt. 28:2 we read that an angel rolled the stone away. 2. Run—In her disappointment in not finding the body of Jesus she hastened to inform the disciples of the loss as she regarded it—the other disciple, whom Jesus loved—From this and other passages it is clear that it was John himself.

3. Came to the sepulchre.—The two disciples hastened to the tomb with the hope of finding some clue that would lead to the recovery of the body. 4. Did outrun Peter.—This verse shows the anxiety of the disciples in this matter. 5. Yet went he not.—John was able to see the interior of the tomb without entering, and he saw the grave-clothes, but not the body of Jesus. Reverence for his Lord may have kept him from entering. 6. Peter.—...went into the sepulchre Peter was too impetuous to stop outside. This is taken from the fact that his disposition from the time he first became a disciple of Jesus. 7. Wrapped together in a place by itself.—A sign of the resurrection. If a friend had removed the body he would not have stripped it. 8. An enemy had stolen it.—He would not have taken the trouble to remove the napkin and lay it in a place by itself.—Christyostom. The whole was as if a sleeper had risen from his couch, arranged the clothes and departed.—Whedon. There was no indication of violence, as he saw, and believed.—As reverence at first kept John at a respectful distance from where the body of Jesus had lain, so faith upon a mere complete understanding of conditions within the tomb, led him to enter and to believe that the body of Jesus had not been taken from the tomb, but that Jesus had risen from the dead. Probably he means though he does not say, that he believed in the Lord's resurrection more immediately and certainly than Peter.—J. F. & B. John's love, the love of a mature strong, deep and spiritual nature, all blessed with the highest gift, the gift of faith before he sees the Lord.—Moulton. 9. They knew not the scripture.—We can but admire the faith of John in the resurrection of Christ, in the absence of an understanding of the scripture which foretold the resurrection. Our Lord had told them that He would suffer death and rise again the third day, but the disciples had failed to enter and to believe, John's faith was sublime. He tried so close to the heart of his Master that faith seems to have been inspired in his heart.

10. Jesus appears to Mary (vs. 11-18). 11. Mary stood.—weeping—She remained after the disciples had come away. Her sorrow at the loss of her Lord's body found expression in tears. Her devotion to Jesus was deep, but her faith was not as strong as John's. "Peter and John's going commend Mary's staying. To the grave she came before them, from the grave she went to them, at the grave she remains behind them. To stay while others stay is the note of love. To stay when all are gone is constant love."—Strain. 12. Seeth two angels.—Her love led her to look at the place where Jesus had lain. "Matthew and Mark mention but one angel, probably that one only spoke."—Clarke. One at the head, etc.—In the most holy places the cherubim were placed at each end of the mercy-seat. See Exod. 25, 18, 19. Jesus was crucified between two thieves, but two angels guarded His body in the tomb. 13. Woman.—A respectful manner of address. Why weepeth thou.—Had she understood that Christ had risen, there would have been no tears of sorrow.

14. She turned herself back.—It may have been simply changing her position from stooping down to look into the tomb to the one she had previously assumed, but Meyer thinks that she was "led by some slight movement behind, or perhaps, as Chrysostom finely supposes, because of some expression of love and awe which passed over the angel faces." Kneeth.—Kneeth.—Mary was looking for the body of her Master, whom she believed to be dead, and not for her risen Lord. It seems that the thought of His resurrection had not entered her mind. She did not pay particular attention to the personage who was there, because of the intense grief of her soul. "She was therefore every way unprepared to recognize the person of our Lord."—Clarke. 15. Words of our Lord after His resurrection were addressed to one of His most devoted followers, and brought comfort to her sorrowing heart. The gardener.—Mary had not yet carefully observed Jesus, and thought He was the man who had charge of the grounds containing the tomb. I will take Him away.—Her love for Jesus led her to desire possession of His body, and her devotion de-sired she was able to carry it.

16. Jesus saith unto her, Mary.—Her acts and words of devotion had won their way, and Jesus spoke her name, and spoke it with such tenderness, that she at once recognized him. Turned.—She had not been looking toward him whom she supposed was the gardener, but upon hearing the voice of Jesus she at once turned toward him. Rabboni.—This title existed in Jewish schools in three forms: Rab, Master, the lowest degree of honor; Rabbi, my master, of higher dignity; Rabboni, my great master, the most honorable of all.—Robinson. 17. Touch me not.—She had the testimony of two of her senses, sight and hearing that it was the Lord; and she now seeks the testimony of a third, namely, of feeling, in order to be sure that it is a body and not a spirit which addresses her. Our Lord forbids her touch, that she may not lose the honor of her preeminence of faith.—Whedon, Go.—She was at once sent forth as a witness. To My brethren.—Bishop Hall remarks that they were at first servants, then disciples, then friends, and after the resurrection, brethren. I ascend.—He had His resurrection body, but was still on earth. He would soon ascend to glory. To my God, and your God.—A tender intimacy that even on high He is their divine brother. 18. Told the disciples.—She instantly obeyed her Lord's command. The gladness of her own heart prompted her to make the good news known to the others. The disciples did not believe her words (Mark 16, 11; Luke 24, 11).

Questions.—For what reasons is the fact of the resurrection an important one? Who went early to the tomb of our Lord? How long had the body of Jesus lain in the tomb? What did Peter find as he entered the tomb? When Mary looked into the sepulchre what did she see? Describe the appearing of Christ to her. Upon what errand did Christ send Mary?

Practical Applications.—The resurrection of Christ is the corner stone of the gospel (1 Cor. 15, 14); the central truth of Christianity (1 Cor. 15, 14, 17); the confirmation of the scriptures (Luke 24, 46); the comfort of the bereaved (1 Thess. 4, 14, 18; 1 Cor. 15, 52); the proof of sonship (Rom. 1, 4); the seal of immortality (Rom. 6, 9); the promise of our resurrection (John 14, 19). "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith" (Heb. 10, 22) and consider.

The seekers. They were Mary Magdalene (v. 1), out of whom Jesus cast seven demons and to whom He first appeared after His resurrection (vs. 9, 18; Mark 16, 9); Mary, wife of Alphaeus (Matt. 10, 3), and mother of James the less and of Joseph (Mark 15, 40); and Salome, wife of Zebedee (Matt. 27, 56), who desired of Jesus that her two sons, James and John, might sit on His right and left hand in His kingdom (Matt. 20, 20, 23). The Marys stood by Christ's cross (Matt. 27, 55; John 19, 25), and sat by His sepulchre (Matt. 27, 61). The three followed Jesus in Galilee and minister unto Him (Mark 16, 7).

The shining ones. "Two angels in white" (vs. 12) angels announced Christ's birth (Luke 2:10); sustained him after his temptation (Matt. 4:11); strengthened him at Gethsemane (Luke 22:43); two men stood by his sepulchre (Luke 24:4) and comforted his disciples at his ascension (Acts 1:10). God has different messengers; men (Acts 4:10); angels (John 20:12), archangels (1 Thess. 4:16; Jude 9), ministers (Pea. 103:21; Heb. 1:17), seraphim (Isa. 6:2), and cherubim (Ezek. 10:13, 16, 19). They differ in name, rank and glory.

The Savior. 1. Risen. "She... saw Jesus standing" (vs. 14). A Christian gentleman stood before an art store looking at a picture of the crucifixion. A lad approached and gazed also at the picture. The gentleman turned to the street Arab and said, pointing to the picture, "Do you know who that is?" "Yes," was the quick reply, "that's our Savior." Then with a mingled look of pity and surprise that the man did not know what the picture represented, and a desire to enlighten him further, he continued, "Them's the soldiers, the Roman soldiers, an' they crucified our Savior, that woman crying is his mother." He waited a moment for further questioning, then thrust the thrust his hands in his pockets and with a reverent, subdued voice, added, "They killed him, Mister. Yes, sir, they killed him!" The gentleman looked at the Arab, puzzled, and fellow and asked, "Where did you learn this?" "At the mission school," the gentleman resumed his walk, leaving the lad looking at the picture. He had not gone a block when he heard in childish treble, "Mister, say Mister!" He turned. The boy raised a little hand and in a triumphant tone, shouted, "I wanted to tell you he rose again! Yes, Mister, he rose again." His message delivered, he smiled, waving his hands and went his way. 2. Reassuring. "Great joy" (Matt. 28:8). "The man, saying, All hail" (Matt. 28:9). Jesus saw them and spoke to them first. "Be not afraid" (Matt. 28:10). These words were especially appropriate now that he was "alive for evermore."

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TORONTO MARKETS. FARMERS' MARKET.

The receipts of grain to-day were moderate, and prices generally unchanged. A few loads of barley sold at 65 to 66c, 200 bushels of wheat at 81c, and oats at 38 to 39c per bushel. Hay is firmer, with sales of eighteen loads at \$15 to \$17 a ton for timothy, and at \$12 to \$14 a ton for mixed and clover. Bundled straw nominal at \$14 to \$15 a ton. Dressed hogs are steady, with quotations ruling at \$8.75 to \$9.25.

Wheat, white... \$0.80 \$0.81 Do, red, bush... 0.80 0.81 Do, goose... 0.80 0.80 Oats, bush... 0.38 0.38 Peas, bush... 0.80 0.80 Barley, bush... 0.65 0.66 Rye, bush... 0.75 0.75 Buckwheat, bush... 0.48 0.50 Hay, timothy, ton... 15.00 17.00 Do, mixed, ton... 12.00 14.00 Straw, per ton... 14.00 15.00 Dressed hogs, 100 lbs... 8.75 9.00 Butter, dairy... 0.25 0.28 Do, inferior... 0.19 0.21 Eggs, new laid, dozen... 0.20 0.21 Do, forequarters... 0.18 0.20 Chickens, lb... 0.25 0.30 Spring chickens, lb... 0.21 0.24 Turkeys, lb... 0.35 0.40 Apples, bush... 3.00 5.00 Cabbage, dozen... 0.30 0.35 Cauliflower, dozen... 0.75 1.00 Onions, bag... 0.90 1.00 Potatoes, bag... 0.50 1.10 Beef, hindquarters... 7.00 8.50 Do, forequarters... 10.00 12.00 Do, choice, carcass... 8.00 8.50 Do, medium, carcass... 8.00 8.50 Mutton, prime, per cwt... 11.00 12.00 Veal, prime, per cwt... 11.00 12.00 Lamb, cwt... 10.00 12.00

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BALED HAY AND STRAW. No news is to be gleaned in the baled hay and straw market. Offerings are liberal and prices are steady. Quotations on track, Toronto, are as follows: Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$11 to \$13; mixed clover and timothy, \$9 to \$11, on track here. Straw—\$6.50 to \$7 on track here.

CATTLE MARKET. Toronto despatch.—Trade active at city stock market. Fine quality of cattle offering. Receipts yesterday and to-day included 136 cars, with 1917 head of cattle, 316 sheep and lambs, 2,513 hogs and 370 calves. Selected Easter cattle in good demand at \$6.25 to \$6.50; medium to choice at \$5.40 to \$6; choice butcher cows, \$4.75 to \$5.50; common cows, \$3.75 to \$4.50; bulls, \$4.75 to 5.50; canners, \$2.50 to \$3. Sheep—Market easier, at 4.75 to \$5; lambs, yearlings, ease, at \$5.50 to \$7. Spring lambs, medium to choice at \$4 to \$5.50. Hogs—Market easy, but unchanged at last quotations. Selects, \$8.40 f.o.b. and \$8.70 fed and watered at Toronto. Heavy hogs cullled.

OTHER MARKETS. WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET. Prev. Close. Open. High. Low. Close. Wheat—May... 99 1/2 99 1/2 91 89 1/2 89 1/2 July... 91 3/4 92 1/4 92 1/4 91 3/4 91 3/4 Oats—May... 32 3/4 32 3/4 33 3/4 32 3/4 32 3/4 July... 33 1/4 33 1/4 33 1/4 33 1/4 33 1/4

HEAVY DECLINE IN FURS. Frederickton, N. B.—Word of another drop in the price of raw furs in the London market has reached here. Muskrat is reported down 30 per cent., mink, of the heavier and ermine 20 per cent., wildcat 70 per cent., and red fox 7 1/2 per cent.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK. Montreal.—There was no change in the condition of the market for cattle, prices being firmer under a fairly good demand for small lots, and as supplies were not large a good clearance was made. Choice steers sold at 6 1/2c, good at 6 to 6 3/4c, fairly good at 5 1/2c to 5 3/4c, fair at 5 to 5 1/4c, and the common at 4 1/2c to 4 3/4c per pound. The supply of cows was small, which met with a fair sale at prices ranging from 4c to 3 1/4c per pound. A weak feeling developed on the market for hogs, and prices declined 20c to 25c per 100 lbs. This was due to the increased offerings, the prospects for large supplies next week and the fact that packers held off to some extent. In the early part of the day sales of selected lots were made at \$7.50 to \$7.00, but later holders, in order to dispose of their stock, had to accept the above decline noted, and sales were made as low as \$7.20 per 100 pounds weighed off.

Owing to the very large increase in the receipts of calves the tone of the market was weak, and sales were made at prices ranging from \$1 to \$5, as to size and quality. The demand for sheep and lambs was good, and prices were maintained. Old sheep sold at 4 3/4c per pound, and spring lambs at \$5 to \$7 each.

LIVERPOOL PRODUCE. Liverpool cable. Closing Wheat Spot dull; No. 2 red, winter no stock; futures firm; May 6s 8 1/4d; July 6s 7 3/4d; Oct. 6s 7 3/4d. Flour—Winter patents dull, 27s. Hops—In London (Pacific coast), firm, 24 10s to 25 5s. Beef—Extra India mess steady, 103s 0d. Pork—Prime mess, western quiet, 82s 6d. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, dull, 50s; bacon, Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs, weak, 53s 6d; short rib, 16 to 24 lbs, dull, 57s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, quiet, 52s; long clear sides, light, 28 to 34 lbs, dull, 55s 6d; long clear sides, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, quiet, 54s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, dull, 48s 6d.

CHINESE OBJECT. Shanghai, April 10.—The Chinese Government is taking action to prevent the exportation of rice on account of a report that a Chinese had contracted to supply a Russian with 2,000 tons from Shanghai with the alleged object of feeding Chinese coolies employed by Russia. It is also reported that the Chinese are endeavoring to recruit men in the famine districts for military service with the Russian army on the northern frontier.

MARRIED AT ELEVEN. Ottawa despatch.—A young girl of 14 appeared in the Hull Police Court to-day on a charge of disorderly conduct. She gave the name of Mrs. A. Beaudin, and on inquiry the Magistrate discovered that she was married at eleven years of age, and was deserted three months afterwards by her husband. The charge against the child was held over until Thursday, and in the meantime the police will investigate the circumstances surrounding her.

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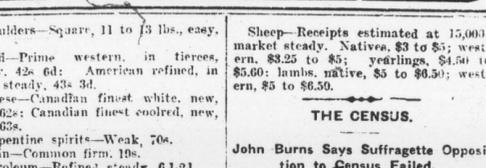


It has been said that 90 per cent. of the ailments that attack chickens are directly due to either the carelessness or ignorance of the attendant, especially where fowls are confined in close quarters. There are many causes for the diseases of fowls, among which are: Too close breeding (no new, outside stock introduced into the flock), impairing the stamina and vitality of the fowls; the presence of filth in or around the poultry house; stagnant and filthy drinking water; improper ventilation; direct drafts in the roosting house; allowing access of decaying vegetables or flesh; lack of good, sharp grit; and lice. The worst disease is undoubtedly roup. The first symptoms are sneezing and a slight running at the nostrils, the appetite fails, the comb begins to turn black, and unless relieved the chicken dies in a few days. It is contagious to the rest of the flock, so separate them at once. Excellent remedies are on the market. A few drops of tincture of muriate of iron and a small piece of gum camphor in the drinking water will cure any but the very severe cases. A chicken that gets a very severe case might as well be killed; its carcass should be burned.

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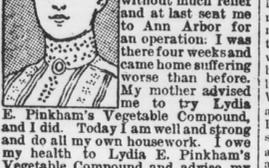
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