

and his short stature, and how he overcame these. Zacchæus . . . to-day . . . at thy house (Rev. Ver.); a loving offer, made also to us, Rev. 3 : 20.

6-10. He . . . received him joyfully. We never know what true joy is, until we turn away from sin and receive Christ. They all murmured; the Jews, offended because the great Teacher had gone to be entertained by a despised publican. Lord . . . half of my goods . . . to the poor. What a contrast to the rich young ruler! Taken . . . by false accusation; exacted more than was just, in his office as a publican. Restore . . . fourfold; twenty times what the law of Moses required, which was only a fifth to be added to a stolen amount, Num. 5 : 7. Salvation . . . to this house. What better proofs could Zacchæus give, that he was saved? Son of Abraham; showing in his conduct more likeness than his fault-finders to the great ancestor of the Jews. V. 10 (Golden Text) describes Jesus' mission.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—Bartimæus and Zacchæus, Luke 18 : 35-43. T.—Bartimæus and Zacchæus, Luke 19 : 1-10. W.—Blind Bartimæus, Mark 10 : 46-52. Th.—The man born blind, John 9 : 1-11. F.—Praise for answered prayer, Ps. 66 : 8-20. S.—“With publicans and sinners.” Matt. 9 : 9-13. S.—Whosoever! Rom. 10 : 1-13.

Prove from Scripture—That all may come to Jesus.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 27. Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist? A. Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

The Question on Missions—33. What are some of the fruits of the mission work? Nearly 3,000 have been baptized. Many lives have been changed, many homes brightened, and many deaths made happy. A whole generation of children has been taught to read, many of them in both English and Hindi.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 251 (Supplemental Lesson); 404, 168; 57; 576 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 151.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—35-39 Towards what city was Jesus

coming? On what journey? Who was sitting by the wayside? What did he hear? What did he ask? How did he address Jesus? Who tried to quiet him? With what effect?

40-43 What command did Jesus give? What question did He ask? The blind man's answer? Tell about the miracle? Mention its results.

Ch. 19 : 1-5 Who greatly wished to see Jesus? What hindered him? How did he manage it?

6-10 What request did Jesus make? How did Zacchæus respond? What did the people say? What did Zacchæus promise? What great gift came to him? To whom does Jesus bring this gift?

Seniors and the Home Department—At what part in the ministry of Jesus is the Lesson?

35-43 Account for the crowd in the Lesson. What obstacles did the blind man overcome? What prophecies say that the Messiah was to heal the blind? Where does Paul speak of spiritual blindness? (2 Cor. 4 : 4.)

Ch. 19 : 1-5 What was Zacchæus' occupation? How was this looked upon by the Jews? How does Jesus compare the publicans and the Pharisees? (Matt. 21 : 31, 32.)

6-10 What proofs did Zacchæus give that he was saved? Explain “son of Abraham”. In what parable does Jesus refer to the ingathering of the publicans? (Luke 14 : 21, Lesson VI.)

THE LESSON IN LIFE

1. Each of our Canadian Provinces spends a large sum yearly in keeping up asylums for the blind, hospitals for the sick, and the like. These are not found among the heathen. Why? “Jesus of Nazareth” has “passed by” among us, and wherever His religion rules, the helpless are cared for.

2. Bartimæus had not the use of his eyes. All the better use he made of his ears and his tongue. We may not be as clever or as strong or as rich as others. But a determination that never knows defeat will win success, though ours be only the one talent.

3. Look at Samson, the strong man of the Old Testament—how sin blinds him and binds him, and sets him to grind corn for his enemies. What a tyrant sin is! Let us fight it with all the might that Christ gives. Victory is sure.

4. The story of Zacchæus has three chapters. I. SOUGHT. Jesus was on the lookout for him. II. SEEKING. He let no hindrance keep him back. III. SAVED. This chapter is still going on in heaven.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. How did Bartimæus seek Jesus? How Zacchæus?.....

2. What were the hindrances of each?.....

3. What reward did each receive?.....