

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

A. D. 29.] LESSON III. [Jan. 15
JESUS WALKING ON THE SEA.

Matt. 14. 22-36. Commit to mem. vs. 25-27.

GOLDEN TEXT

Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.
Matt. 14. 27.

OUTLINE.

1. On the Mountain.
2. On the Sea.
3. On the Shore.

TIME.—20 A. D.

PLACE.—In the same locality as last lesson, and on the Sea of Galilee.

EXPLANATIONS.—*Straightway* . . . constrained—Immediately compelled, charged them with such authority that they dared not refuse. *Fourth watch of the night*—Between three o'clock and six o'clock in the morning. *It is a spirit*—Not an angel, or spirit, in that sense, but, in the superstitious sense, a ghost, or spectre. *Saw the wind boisterous*—He could not see the wind; he saw the high, rolling waves, the effect of the wind. *The Son of God*—That is the divine One. This is the first confession made by men of his true character.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where, in this lesson, are we taught—

1. The duty of praying in secret?
2. The duty of trusting God always?
3. The duty of bringing our friends to Jesus?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. Where did Jesus go after feeding the five thousand? Into the mountain to pray.
2. Where did he send his disciples? Across the sea in a ship.
3. What happened as they were crossing the sea? A great storm arose.
4. As they toiled and struggled with the waves what did they see? Jesus coming, walking upon the sea.
5. Filled with terror, what loving words came to them over the roar of the storm? "Be of good cheer," etc.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Christ and his people.

CATECHISM QUESTION

5. Are there any other religions in the world? There is only one Divine Teacher, and only one true religion, but there have been many false teachers, and there are many false religions.

Ephesians iv. 5. One Lord, one faith, one baptism. 1 Corinthians viii. 5, 6.

A. D. 29.] LESSON IV. [Jan. 22
JESUS AND THE AFFLICTED.

Matt. 15. 21-31. Commit to mem. vs. 30, 31.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray.
James 5. 13.

OUTLINE.

1. A Pleading Mother.
2. A Merciful Saviour.

TIME.—29 A. D.

PLACE.—In the country of Phenicia, north west from Palestine.

EXPLANATIONS.—*Went thence*—From Galilee. *Into the coasts*—Not down to the shore, but simply into the territory. *A woman of Canaan*—A simply a Phenician. *Vexed with a devil*—Demonic possession was then very commonly believed in by Jew and Gentile. Whatever was the disease, it was without doubt terrible both to suffer and to witness. *Lost sheep*—Simply to the Israelitish people, and not to heathens. *To dogs*—Properly "little dogs," such as might be attached to households.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where, in this lesson, are we taught—

1. That prayer is the privilege of all the needy?
2. That true faith always brings blessing?
3. That all good gifts are from God?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. Why did Jesus cease to teach publicly in Galilee? To teach his disciples alone.

2. Why did he leave Galilee to do this? To escape from the multitudes. 3. Where did he go for this purpose? Into the country of Phenicia. 4. How was his quiet here disturbed? By a heathen woman. 5. What did she seek and find? Health for her sick daughter. 6. What was the secret of her power with Christ? Her persistent, faithful prayer. 7. What is the great lesson that the story should teach us? "Is any among you," etc.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Spiritual Israel.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

6. How did Jesus show that he was a teacher sent from God? By performing signs and wonders such as could be performed only by the power of God.

John iii. 2. Rabbi, we know thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these signs that thou doest, except God be with him.

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