

Lesson IV.

SERVING JESUS

January 25, 1914

LESSON SETTING—The Lesson sets before us three incidents,—the first two of which occurred about the middle of our Lord's ministry, while the third belongs to a period near its close.

GOLDEN TEXT—Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me.—Matthew 25 : 40 (Rev. Ver.).

Memorize vs. 40-42. **THE LESSON PASSAGE**—Luke 8 : 1-3 ; 9 : 57-62 ; 10 : 38-42.

1 And it came to pass ¹ afterward, that he went ² throughout every city and village, preaching and ³ shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God : and ⁴ the twelve were with him.

2 And certain women which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary ⁵ called Mag'dalene, ⁶ out of whom went seven devils,

3 And Joan^ana the wife of Chu^za Her^od's steward, and Susan^ana, and many others, which ministered unto ⁷ him of their substance.

Ch. 9 : 57 And ⁸ it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, ⁹ Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

53 And Je^sus said unto him, ¹⁰ Foxes have holes, and ¹¹ birds of the ¹² air have nests ; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

60 ¹³ Je^sus said unto him, ¹⁴ Let the dead ¹⁵ bury their ¹⁶ dead : but go thou and ¹⁷ preach the kingdom of God.

Revised Version.—¹ soon afterwards ; ² about through cities and villages ; ³ bringing the good tidings ; ⁴ with him the twelve ; ⁵ that was ; ⁶ from whom seven devils had gone out ; ⁷ them ; ⁸ Omit five words ; ⁹ Omit Lord ; ¹⁰ The ; ¹¹ heaven ; ¹² But he said ; ¹³ Leave ; ¹⁴ to ; ¹⁵ own dead ; ¹⁶ published abroad ; ¹⁷ I will follow thee, Lord ; but first suffer me to bid farewell to them that are at my house ; ¹⁸ But Jesus ; ¹⁹ Omit four words ; ²⁰ went on their way, he ; ²¹ the Lord's feet ; ²² she came up to him ; ²³ did leave ; ²⁴ But the Lord answered ; ²⁵ anxious ; ²⁶ for.

Daily Readings—(By courtesy of I. B. R. Association, Mr. S. C. Bailey, Hon. Secretary, 56 Old Bailey, London, England.)—M.—Serving Jesus, Luke 8 : 1 to 3 ; 9 : 57-62 ; Luke 10 : 38-42. T.—Faithful and unfaithful, Matt. 24 : 42-51. W.—Service as unto the Lord, Eph. 6 : 1-10. Th.—A faithful servant's prayer, Neh. 1 : 4-11. F.—Our great example, John 13 : 3-17. S.—For His sake, 1 Peter 2 : 17-25. S.—Christian service, Rom. 12 : 10-21.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

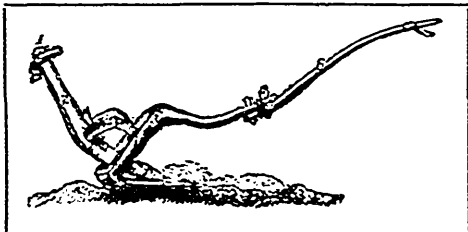
I. THE MINISTERING WOMEN.—Soon afterwards (Rev. Ver.). Luke has just told the story of the anointing of Jesus by a sinful woman at a feast in the house of Simon a Pharisee, ch. 7 : 36-50. Every city and village; that is, in Galilee. Preaching; proclaiming like a herald. Bringing the good tidings (Rev. Ver.); all one Greek word,—“evangelizing” or “gospelizing” (“evangel” is just “gospel” or the “God story,” “glad tidings” indeed, because it tells of God's saving love). Kingdom of God; which Jesus came to establish, the kingdom in which God rules over loving and loyal subjects. The twelve; not all Jesus' disciples, but those chosen to be trained for the Lord's work. This was a special mission tour.

2, 3. Certain women. Luke's is the Gospel in which women are especially prominent (see chs. 7 : 11-17 ; 18 : 1-3 ; 21 : 1-4 ; 23 : 27, 29). Healed of evil spirits; messengers of Satan who entered into people and became their masters. Infirmities; sicknesses. All the women had received healing from Jesus. Mary . . Magda-

lene; literally, “Mary of the Migdol or Watch Tower.” Magdal a (Matt. 15 : 39) or Magadan (Rev. Ver.) is just a Greek form of the Hebrew Migdol. This place, the home of Mary, is on the southwestern shore of the Lake of Galilee, and is now named Mejdol. This Mary is not the woman of Simon's feast (ch. 7 : 36-50) nor a specially wicked woman. Herod's steward; the manager of his estates. This Herod was Antipas, king of Galilee. Ministered unto them; provided for their needs. Substance; wealth.

II. THE DOUBTFUL DISCIPLES—Ch. 9 : 57, 58. A certain man; a scribe (see Matt. 18 : 19). I will follow thee. He had been a hearer of Jesus, and now he proposes to become a permanent disciple. Foxes have holes. The fox of Palestine is grey, about 14 inches long, with a bushy tail almost the same length. It captures poultry and small birds and animals, and is also very fond of

grapes. Birds . . have nests; literally, “encampments,” roosts, where they rest at night. Not where to lay his head; not because of poverty, but because



MODERN SYRIAN PLOW

1. The “kabusah” grasped by the left hand. 2. The handle or stilt. 3. The beam. 4. A support secured by a wedge. 5. The couplings. 6. The pole. 7. The share.