

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS.

(Compiled from Hughes' Studies in Mark.)

March 19. Mark V 21-43.

Parallels, Matt. 9: 18-26.

Luke 8: 40-56.

Golden text, Mark 5: 36.

Catechism 23-24.

TOPIC: POWER OVER DISEASE AND DEATH.

V. 25-34. His power over disease.

21-24; 35-43. His power over death.

I. THE POWER WAS NOT PUT FORTH UNTIL IT WAS SOUGHT.

1. *This is a law of the spiritual realm.*—"Ask and ye shall receive," etc.
2. *Afflictive circumstances often lead to earnest seeking.*

II. NEITHER DISEASE NOR DEATH COULD STAND BEFORE THE POWER OF CHRIST.

1. *This arises from His position in the economy of grace.*—"All power is given unto me, both in heaven," etc.
2. *Faith is essential to the exercise of this power.*—"All things are possible to him that believeth." "Without faith it is impossible to please God."

PRACTICAL LESSONS.

I. The healed woman teaches a practical lesson of the conditions of salvation.

(1) A settled conviction that Christ alone can heal.

(2) That a personal application will bring the desired help.

(3) A determination to overcome every obstacle until Christ is reached.

II. Practical lessons are also taught by the raising of Jarius' daughter.

(1) The value of vicarious faith.

(2) The special privileges afforded those who are in a state of faith. "Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldst believe thou shouldst see the glory of God." John 11: 40.

(3) Parental affection should prompt to deep interest in the salvation of our children.

April 2. Mark VI 1-13.

Parallels, Matt. 13: 54-58; 10: 1-42.

Luke 9: 1-5.

Golden text, Matt. 10: 40.

Catechism, 25-26.

TOPIC: THE MISSION OF THE TWELVE.

I. CONSIDER BY WHAT THIS MISSION WAS PRECEDED.

1. *By a return to Nazareth where His life was once threatened.*
(1) This shows our Lord's readiness to forgive and to do good to His enemies.
2. *By graciously seeking to win back His fellow townsmen.*
3. *By another scornful rejection of Himself and His message.*

II. CONSIDER THE OCCASION AND PURPOSE OF THIS MISSION.

1. *The occasion.*—"When He saw the multitudes He was moved with compassion," etc.—Mat. 9: 36-38.
2. *The purpose.*
(1) To preach.
(2) To heal the sick.
(3) To cleanse the lepers.
(4) To raise the dead.

III. CONSIDER THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THEY WERE TO GO FORTH.

1. *They must go forth without taking anything for their journey.*—V. 8.
2. *If rejected in one city, they must proceed to the next.*—"They might flee from danger, but not from duty."—HENRY.
3. *They must refrain from all resentments and retaliations.*
4. *The full assurance of their Lord's assistance in every trouble.*

April 9. Mark VI 14-29.

Parallels, Matt. 14: 1-12.

Luke 9: 7-9.

Golden text, Ps. 37: 12.

Catechism, 27-28.

TOPIC: DEATH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST.

I. ITS TRAGIC CHARACTER.

1. *He was beheaded.*

II. THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE TRAGEDY.

1. *Herod Antipas, tetrarch of Galilee and Peraea.*