

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

A.D. 27.] LESSON IV. [Jan. 27

FORGIVENESS AND HEALING.

Mark. 2. 1-12. Memory verses 10-12.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases. Psa. 103. 3.

OUTLINE.

1. Forgiving Iniquities, v. 1-5.
2. Healing Diseases, v. 6-12.

TIME.—27 A.D.

EXPLANATIONS—It was noised—It was reported throughout the city. In the house—Either his own house where he made a home for his mother, or into Peter's house. Sick of the palsy—Or smitten with paralysis. Uncovered the roof—Either opened a connecting trap-door, or removed the court awnings, or made an opening through the flat house-top by breaking up the tiles. If Jesus was in the court the second is the probable way; if in an upper room, either of the others. Speak blasphemies—That is, utter words which are direct profanations of God's holiness. Take up thy bed—The Eastern pallet, or rug, or mat, here called a bed, because it was that on which he lay, could be easily rolled up and carried.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where does this lesson show us—

1. How we should seek Jesus?
2. That Jesus knows the thoughts of men?
3. That Jesus can and will forgive sins?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. To what place did Jesus return? To Capernaum. 2. What happened as soon as his presence was known? A crowd surrounded the house. 3. What interrupted his preaching? A man let down through the roof. 4. What did Christ do to him? Forgave him and healed him. 5. In what character did Christ thus become known? As a forgiver of sins.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Forgiveness.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

6. How did Jesus Christ 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.

A.D. 28] LESSON V. [Feb. 3

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER.

Mark 4. 10-20. Memory verse, 20

GOLDEN TEXT.

If any man have ears to hear let him hear. Mark 4. 23.

OUTLINE.

1. The Mystery of the Kingdom, v. 10-12.
2. The Meaning of the Parable, v. 13-20.

TIME.—28 A.D.

EXPLANATIONS—Parable—An imaginary or real occurrence or thing by which some truth is illustrated. The mystery of the Kingdom of God—The things which are mysterious about the relations of God to men can only be known to those to whom they are revealed by the Spirit. See and not perceive—The natural heart is blind to spiritual things; while men see with the eye the wonderful things occurring in God's providence, they fail to spiritually discern their meaning. Hear and not understand—Explain in a similar way for yourself. Stony ground—Not gravelly soil, but rock slightly covered with soil. Among thorns—Ground from which the thorns, or brambles, or wild briars had not been uprooted, and in which, therefore, no grain could grow.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where do we learn that we need—

1. To study Christ's teachings?
2. To watch when we hear the word?
3. To keep the word as well as hear it?

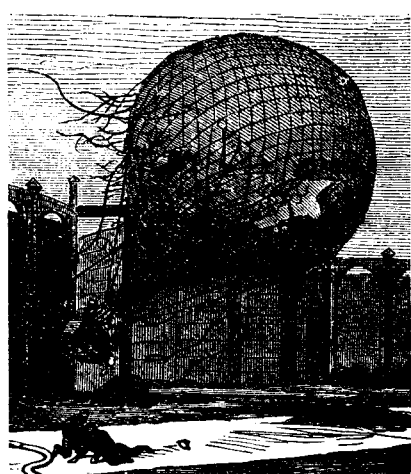
THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. Who asked Jesus to explain the meaning of his parable? The twelve disciples and their friends. 2. What did Jesus say was contained in this parable? The mystery of the kingdom of God. 3. Who are they that sow good seed in the world? Teachers and preachers of truth. 4. What is the seed which they sow? The word of God. 5. What admonition has our Golden Text for each hearer of this word? "If any man have ears," etc.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Fruit-bearing.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

7. In what other ways did he show this? By the heavenly wisdom, the authority, and the graciousness of his teaching. Luke iv. 22.



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