

Fourth Quarter : Studies in the Lives of Peter and John

LESSON FOREWORD—The new disciples enter immediately on training. The disciples see Jesus in the synagogue, in the home, with the multitude, in the silence, on the gospel tour. And everywhere they see the power and love their new Master. The education of the disciples is contact with a divine personality.

Lesson III.

JESUS IN PETER'S HOME

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THE LESSON PASSAGE—Mark 1 : 29-39.

29 And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Si'mon and An'drew, with James and John.

30 But Si'mon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her.

31 And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up ; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

32 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.

33 And all the city was gathered together at the door.

34 And he healed many that were sick of divers

GOLDEN TEXT—Jesus said unto him, To-day is salvation come to this house.—Luke 19 : 9 (Rev. Ver.).

SENIOR AND HOME DEPARTMENT TOPIC—Christ in the Home. **ADDITIONAL MATERIAL**—Mark 14 : 1-9 ; Luke 10 : 38-42 ; 19 : 1-10 ; John 12 : 1-8 ; Rom. 16 : 3-5 ; Eph. 6 : 1-9.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

I. JESUS AND THE HOME.—29-31. *Forthwith*; immediately. This is a favorite word of Mark. He emphasizes the strenuous life of Jesus. *Out*



THE MULTITUDES COMING TO SEE JESUS

of the synagogue. Jesus had returned with his new disciples to Capernaum. On the Sabbath, as was his custom, he entered the synagogue and taught. He astonished the people with his words, and increased their astonishment by healing a man possessed with an evil spirit.

diseases, and cast out many devils ; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

36 And Si'mon and they that were with him followed after him.

37 And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee.

38 And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also : for therefore came I forth.

39 And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Gal'ilee, and cast out devils.

Entered into the house of Simon and Andrew ; to receive the hospitality of his new disciples. *Sick of a fever* ; probably malarial fever, which is common in that district. It was a severe case. Luke describes it as a "great" fever. *Anon* ; immediately, because it lay on their hearts. There was something about Jesus that invited people to tell him of their sorrows. Moreover the miracle in the synagogue had raised hopes. *And he came* ; in ready response. *Took her by the hand* ; an act expressing sympathy. Jesus performed his miracles in a kindly way, not majestically. *The fever left her.* Immediately and completely she is cured. *Ministered unto them* ; entered immediately on her household duties. She shows her perfect recovery and deep gratitude, in the ministrations of hospitality. Jesus blesses every home he enters.

II. JESUS AND THE MULTITUDE.—32-34. *At even.* The Sabbath ended at sunset, and it was then lawful to bring the sick for healing. The news of the miracle in the synagogue had spread like wildfire, and people from all directions had brought their sick of body and of mind. *City was gathered together at the door* ; as near to Jesus as possible. *Healed many . . . cast out many devils.* Their expectations are not vain. *Suffered not the devils to speak.* Jesus refused testimony from such a quarter.