

and his sympathizers. People rejoiced; delighted by the works and words of Jesus.

**II. IN THE HOUSE.**—Ch. 14: 1-3. One of the chief Pharisees; a leader in this sect. On a sabbath to eat bread (Rev. Ver.). It was customary for the Jews to give feasts on the Sabbath, though all the dishes had to be cold, since no cooking was permitted on the holy day. Watched him; perhaps not to find fault, but with keen interest to see what He would say or do. Man . . . which had the dropsy. He was among the onlookers at the feast, and placed himself "before" Jesus, in the hope of being healed. Answering; their thoughts or whispered questionings.

4-6. Healed him; Jesus' answer to His own question. Answered them; met their unspoken objections. An ass or . . . ox. The ass is commonly used in the East, the finer breeds for riding and others for plowing and bearing burdens. The ox is used in plowing and threshing. Pit. Unprotected wells, cisterns and pits are common in Palestine. What the Pharisees selfishly did for their own cattle Jesus did for the good of others.

### A JERUSALEM SYNAGOGUE

The following is a description of a synagogue in the modern city of JERUSALEM. It is a large room, with plain, whitewashed walls, and a dome-shaped roof overhead, set with windows letting in a flood of light. The floor is paved with flat stones, and wooden benches are set round the room, up against the white walls. At one end a rail separates the place of honor from the rest of the room. Behind the rail stands a marble structure like an altar, with a curtain hanging over a niche between two pairs of beautifully carved columns. That niche is the holy place where specially old and sacred copies of the scriptures are kept. Near the middle of the room is a large wooden pulpit a few feet above the floor level.

### LESSON QUESTIONS

10, 11 What were the synagogues? What was Jesus doing in one of them? Give other instances of His synagogue teaching. What was His custom on the Sabbath? How did He come to be taking part in this service? How was the woman in the Lesson afflicted? Find the story of a cripple healed at the temple by Peter and John. (Acts 3: 1-11.)

12, 13 Where was Jesus standing? What did He say to the woman? How was the cure wrought?

14-17 Who was the ruler of the synagogue? Why was he angry? To what custom did Jesus refer? What special reasons were there why the woman should have been healed immediately? Where does Jesus teach that a man is better than a sheep? (Matt. 12: 12.)

Ch. 14: 1-3 Where did Jesus attend a feast on the Sabbath? What cure did He work?

4-6 What answer did He make to unspoken objections? What kinds of work are lawful on the Sabbath? (S. Catechism, Q. 60.)

### FOR DISCUSSION

1. What are some common forms of Sabbath breaking?
2. Should the law of the land forbid unnecessary work on the Sabbath?

### A PRAYER

O Lamb of God, who died that we might live, gladly we bring our hearts to Thee. Speak to us in the voice that is like the voice of many waters. May we be ready to have fulfilled in us Thy gracious promise to cleanse us, to strengthen us, to inspire us to right living. As we talk with Thee and read Thy Word—on Sunday and on week-days alike—may we see our duty and know the privilege of doing duty. Teach us that the best way to get blessing is to give blessing. May we ever be a blessing to others, because we are living close to Thee. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That the Sabbath is for worship.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 12-20.

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Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: 80 (Supplemental Lessons), 383, 388, 98 (Ps. Sel.), 573 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 389.

### FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What miracle did Jesus work in the synagogue? .....

2. What in the home of a Pharisee? .....

3. What do these miracles teach as to the right use of the Sabbath? .....

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