

The Sunday School

BIBLE LESSON.

Abridged from Peloubet's Notes.

First Quarter.

REVIEW.

Lesson XIII. March. 27.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.—Matt. 16:16.

GENERAL REVIEW.

"I knew a man who went a thousand miles and back, and supported himself at great expense, to be with Agassiz a few weeks at his summer school at Penikese. An hour with the great naturalist would have amply repaid the trouble and expense. To even see the master of any department is helpful.

"Christ is the master in the department of spiritual life. We are to have six months study with him and of him. Happily we do not have to go to Judea. He says, 'I will come to you and make my abode with you,' and 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world,' either as to time or space.

"It is not fish we experiment on, as did Agassiz, but souls, ourselves. So there can be no more interesting study."

From this chart study the various things that make up the outward visible life of Christ. This outline should be learned by heart. It can be put on the blackboard and repeated by the whole school. Drill the scholars in it till, whenever they read any portion of the Gospels, it shall find its place in the life of Christ. Thus shall we see his whole life, from his coming from the Father in heaven and the manger cradle to the cross, the resurrection, and the return to heaven. Let us see his portrait, the marvelous picture of his perfect character, as revealed in the Gospels.

We have been studying the parts; now we will study them as a whole. We have been, as it were, looking at particular stars through a telescope, revealing a brightness and tints that no unaided eye can perceive; now we will look at the whole sky with all its beautiful constellations showing the glory of God. The individual events are like sentences written on the sky in letters so large that we can see but a sentence at a time, though full of meaning and blessing.

Note the beginning and the unfolding of the life of Christ during his first thirty years.

Note how long the period of preparation (thirty years) for three and one half years of work.

Note how the work of John prepared the way, continued till Jesus had been fully established, and then ended.

Note the years of public ministry and their characteristics.

Note the steps in the development of his work, and how they are all leading to the founding of his kingdom when the time should come.

Note the three great ministries of Jesus named from the countries in which he wrought and taught.

PILGRIM TRAVELS WITH JESUS.

We look at the life of Christ from another point of view, and it gains reality and vividness, if we trace out the movements of Jesus upon the map. Like the Greek scholar in Tom Brown at Oxford, who traced on a map by means of colored pins the famous retreat of the ten thousand under Xenophon, we may trace in the same way the journeys of Jesus from Bethlehem to Calvary. At each place we may call for a brief description of the town, and for the chief events which cluster around it. If we have a large map we may use pins with strings on them marking the name of each place as we come to it.

1. Thus we can start with Bethlehem.
2. Then go down with Jesus and his mother to Egypt.
3. Go up to Nazareth, where Jesus lived so many years.
4. Take the journey to the passover at Jerusalem and return.
5. Go with Jesus from Nazareth to Bethabara to be baptized.
6. To the wilderness to be tempted forty days.

7. To Bethabara again, where his first disciples joined him.

8. To Cana with his disciples, where he wrought his first miracle at the wedding.

9. To Capernaum and return, thence to Jerusalem for the passover.

10. The journey through Samaria to Galilee, Nazareth and Capernaum. And so on through all his journeys belonging to this quarter's lessons.

REVIEW BY WORD PICTURES.

A very interesting review can be made by means of word pictures, or vivid descriptions of the various scenes in the lessons of the quarter, and the scholars can decide what lesson is referred to. Different persons may draw the picture, or scholars may be requested to write out the description and read it to the school. Several of the lessons of this quarter are particularly adapted to this method of review. Each is a distinct and often a dramatic picture.

One of the most striking features of the March Magazine Number of The Outlook is an article by Mr. Hamilton W. Mabie on Wordsworth and the Lake Country, entitled "The background of Wordsworth's Poetry." Mr. Mabie spent some time last summer in the Lake Country, and writes the fresh impression of that beautiful region upon him, and with a strong sense of the intimacy between the poet and the physical surroundings in which he was placed. The article is admirably illustrated by ten reproductions of unusually fine photographs. (\$3 a year. The Outlook Company, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York.)

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