

CHRIST AT THE FEAST

Lesson IX.

John 7 : 14, 28-37.

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Golden Text—"If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink."—John 7 : 37.

Catechism—16. What besides the Bible teaches us about God? All God's works teach us about Him. 17. What are God's works? The world and everything in it, the sun, the moon, and all the stars.



THE LESSON STORY

The name of the largest building in Jerusalem was the Temple. It was God's house and Jesus often used to preach there.



One day He was preaching and teaching in the Temple and a great many people were listening

to Him. The reason the Temple was so crowded that day was because everybody in the country had come to Jerusalem to the harvest thanksgiving which was called "the Feast."

Many of the people were glad to find that Jesus had come too, because they had heard a great deal about Him, and some of them had seen the miracles that He had done in other places.

They all knew that God had promised some day to send a Saviour who would be the Light of the world, and many of the people believed that Jesus was the Christ who had been promised. The Pharisees would not believe that Jesus was Christ, and they hated Him because He had told them of their own wickedness.

On the last day of the feast they were watching for Him, for they wanted to catch Him and to kill Him. But when they saw so many people listening gladly to His words they were afraid to touch Him, so they waited for another chance.

Jesus knew that some day cruel men would put Him to death, but He was not afraid of them, for He knew that they could not do it until God said it was time.

He knew, too, that there were many people in the crowd who were thirsty for the love and forgiveness of God; so He cried with a loud voice that everybody in the Temple could hear: "If any man thirst let him come unto me and drink."

