Lesson I.

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

January 3, 1909

Study Acts 1: 1-14.

A Foreword-The six months' Lessons from John's Gospel which ended last June, closed with the appearance of the risen Jesus at the Sea of Galilee, John 21: 12-23. For the whole of 1909, the Lessons will be from the Acts of the Apostles. The four Gospels give the story of Jesus' life upon earth. His death on the cross, His resurrection and ascension. Before His ascension He commissioned His disciples to preach the gospel throughout the whole world, Matt. 28: 19; Mark 16: 15; Luke 24: 47. The Book of Acts tells how this commission was carried out.

GOLDEN TEXT—It came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.—Luke 24: 51.

THE LESSON PASSAGE-Acts 1 : 1-11. *Memorize vs. 8, 9.

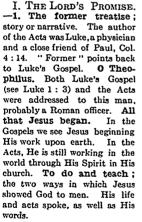
*Memorize vs. 8, 9. THE LESSON PASS 1 The former treatise ¹ have I made, O Theo-ph'ilus, ² of all that Jesus began both to do and ³ teach. 2 Until the day in which he ⁴ was taken up, after that he ⁵ through the Holy Ghost had given com-mandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen : 3 To whom ⁶ also he shewed himself altve after his passion by ⁷ many infallible proofs, ⁸ being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things ² pertaining to the kingdom of God : ⁴ And, being assembled together with them, ⁹ commanded them that they should not depart from Jeru'salem, but ³ wait for the promise of the Father, which, ¹⁰ *anith he*, ve have heard of me. ⁵ For John ¹¹ truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

days hence. 6 ¹² When 6 ¹² When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, ¹³ wilt mou at this time restore ¹⁴ again the kingdom to Israel ?

into heaven. **Bevised Version** — *I omit* have; ² concerning; ³ to; ⁴ was received up; ⁵ had given commandment through the Holy Ghost; ⁴ he also; ⁷ many proofs; ⁸ appearing unto them by the space of forty days; ⁹ he charged them not to depart; ¹⁰ said he, ye heard from me; ¹¹ indeed baptized; ¹² They therefore, when they were come to-gether, asked him; ¹³ dost; ¹⁴ Omit again; ¹⁵ know times or seasons; ¹⁶ set within his own authority; ¹⁹ when; ¹⁵ my witnesses both, etc.; ¹⁹ Omit in; ²⁰ said; ²¹ as they were looking; ²² were looking stedfastly into; ²³ Omit up; ²⁴ looking into; ²⁵ Omit same; ²⁰ beheld him going.

Daily Readings-(Courtesy, I.B.R.A.)-M.-The ascending Lord, Acts 1: 1-14. T -Parting blessing, Luke 24 : 36-53. W .- The last command, Mk. 16 : 14-20. Th. - Victorious 1 Eph. 4 : 1-10. F. - New Year's song, Ps. 96. S .- Head over all, Eph. 1: 15-23. S. - Highly exalted, Phil. 2: 1-11.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED



2. Until.. taken up; to heaven. (Compare Luke 24: 50, 51.) Through the Holy Ghost; in the power and wis-

dom of the Holy Spirit, Luke 4: 1; John 3: 34. Given commandments : as to what they were to be seen that their message and power were from the

same Source. The promise of the Father ; the

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7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to ¹ know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath ¹⁶ put in his own power. ⁸ But ye shall receive power, ¹⁷ after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be ¹³ witnesses unto me both in Jeru'salem, and in all Judie'a, and ¹⁹ in Samar'ic, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. ⁹ And when he hed 20 worker the state.

9 And when he had 20 spoken these things, 21 while

9 And when he had ²⁰ spoken these things, ²¹ while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. 10 And while they ²² looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went ²⁰ up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Gal'ilee, why stand ye ²⁴ gazing up into heaven ? this ²³ same Je'sus, which 'is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye ²⁶ have seen him go

do and teach.

" missionaries".

apostles; literally "sent ones".

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passion ; His sufferings and

death on the cross. By many

proofs (Rev. Ver.); such as

walking (Luke 24: 15), talking

(v. 32), eating (v. 43) with them,

and permitting them to touch

days; the period between our

Lord's resurrection and ascen-

sion. Speaking ... concerning

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those who repent of their sins

and believe in Jesus as a per-

sonal living Saviour. Not to

depart . . but wait ; because,

without the Holy Spirit it was

useless to begin their work. Be-

sides, when they were afterwards

scattered abroad, it would thus

Him, John 20: 27.

3-5. Shewed himself alive:

Unto the

Forty