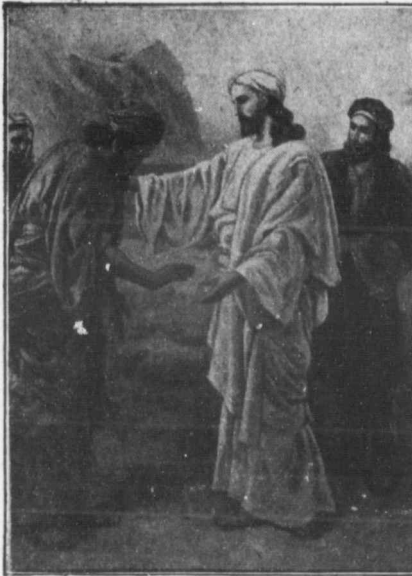


Lesson II. JESUS REQUIRES CONFESSION AND LOYALTY April 14, 1918

Mark 8 : 27-38. Study Mark 8 : 1 to 9 : 1. *Scripture Memory Verses, Matt. 9 : 23, 24.

Golden Text—If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.—Mark 8 : 34 (Rev. Ver.).

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my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

36 For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul ?

37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul ?

38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation ; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day Jesus and his disciples were walking together along the road which led to the town of Cæsarea Philippi. As they walked and talked, Jesus asked his disciples : "What do people say about me ? Who do they say that I am ?" "They say you are John the Baptist," said one. "Some say you are Elias, or one of the other prophets," another disciple said. Then Jesus stopped and looked right into the faces of his disciples and said, "Who do ye say that I am ?" Peter, who was always the first of the disciples to speak, answered : "Thou art the Christ." Look at our picture. Jesus is laying his hand

27 And Je'sus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Cæsare'a Philip'pi : and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am ?

28 And they answered, John the Bap'tist : but some say, Eli'as ; and others, One of the prophets.

29 And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am ? And Pe'ter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ.

30 And he charged them that they should tell no man of him.

31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

32 And he spake that saying openly. And Pe'ter took him, and began to rebuke him.

33 But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Pe'ter, saying, Get thee behind me, Sa'tan : for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

34 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it ; but whosoever shall lose his life for

on Peter's shoulder. This answer must have pleased Jesus, for that is why he had called these friends to follow him, that they might know him and believe in him and tell others about him.

Then Jesus began to tell them more about himself. He told them about all the sad days that were coming when he would be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes and would be killed. Then he told the disciples the bright part of the story, which was that he would not stay dead, but would rise again after three days. Peter could not bear to hear his Lord and master

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