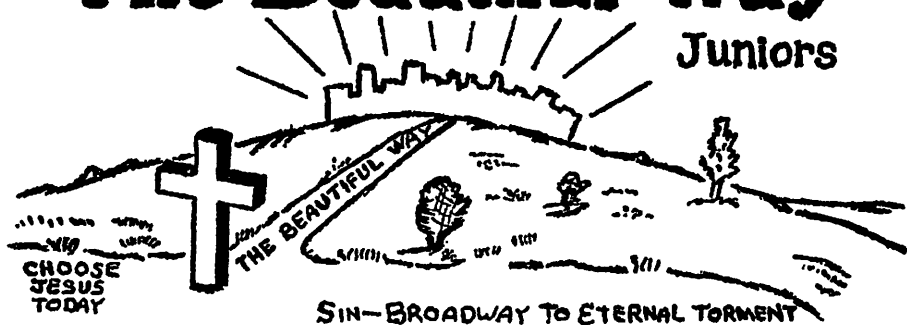


# The Beautiful Way

Juniors



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Part One

Jan. 4

## The Price of a Child's Religion

During a revival of religion in F—— county, a little girl was observed to steal into the place of prayer, as if seeking to avoid discovery.

She always took her seat near the door, that she might the more surely shun observation, and never failed to listen, with a strange, devouring eagerness, to every word which fell from the preacher's lips.

She was the child of very wicked parents, who bitterly opposed the revival meetings, and had tried hard to prevent her from learning to read the Bible, though in spite of their efforts she had learned to read and treasure its blessed words. Like one famishing for drink, and forgetting everything else but a burning thirst, so did this dear child forget the cruel threats of her parents in her earnest desire to hear the truth, and have Christians pray for her.

At an evening meeting, when the invitation was given to all who wished the prayers of the church to rise, the desire in her heart had become so strong that she forgot the fear of her parents and of

all around her. She arose, but in that critical moment the Lord met her, a holy joy lit up her face, and she soon broke out into praises.

There were those there who knew her, who gathered round her with surprised and gladdened hearts. Before they separated she said, "Who of you will help me to bear the burden I have taken up? Who of you will go with me to my father's house? He will be very angry, and I am afraid to go alone." No one spoke, for they all knew the desperate character of the father, and one by one they turned and went away. "Well," she said, "I can go alone, for He who helped me to come to this meeting tonight will go with me."

Her exasperated parents were ready to execute their most cruel threats. They in turn beat their poor child until the blood ran and stained her clothes.

The flame which had begun to glow so brightly in her little heart did not grow dim under her sufferings. When they had spent their wrath upon her, she only said meekly, "Thank God, for I love him yet."

A few days after, she was taken sick, and grew worse and worse. When she saw her mother weeping, she asked, "Why do you cry, mother?" "Oh," said the sobbing mother, "They say you will never get well

again. You are going to die." "Mother," said the child, "I am not afraid to die, I am going to be with my Saviour; but there is one thing I want you to promise me before they carry me out from here, as they will not many days hence." The child then asked for the dress she had worn to that last meeting, and cutting from it the bloody stains with her feeble fingers, she handed it to her mother and said, "Mother, I wish you to promise me that you will give that to my minister when I am gone, and tell him that was the price of my religion."

The young man who relates this story attributes his own conversion to the steadfast faith of that little child, who longed for salvation so earnestly that no difficulty or suffering could turn her from seeking after it.

My dear young readers, some of you have pious parents, and everything to help you to come to Christ. If you hold back your hearts from him, how does the example of this dear little girl condemn you, and how will it condemn you when you meet her at the bar of God?

— "Sketches From Life," 1871

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Dear Boys and Girls:

This quarter, we are going to study about Jesus' last week here on earth. We will take these events from different parts of the four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Let us walk along with Jesus as He travels toward Jerusalem. He knew that His time had come to die on the cross for our sins and for the sins of the people of all the world. This was to take place on the Passover. You remember that the Passover was kept in memory of the time when the death angel passed over the homes of the Israelites in Egypt because they had the blood of a lamb sprinkled on their doorpost. But the Egyptians did not have blood on their doorpost so the first-born in that house was killed. Ex. 11:3-14. Each year after that the Israelites

kept this feast. But Jesus came as the Lamb that would take our sins and deliver us from eternal death. The time came for Jesus to die. The city of Jerusalem was full of people. They had come to partake of the Passover feast. Many of them had not seen Jesus, but had heard of Him. They wondered if He would come to the feast. Read John 11:55-57. The rulers had given the word that if anyone knew where He was, that they were to tell so that the rulers could take Jesus and kill Him. Jesus and His disciples knew this, yet our lesson begins with Jesus telling the disciples, "Behold we go up to Jerusalem," so that the things written in the old Bible and by the prophets would be fulfilled. We are starting our lessons with Jesus on His way to Jerusalem.

Jesus came near to Jericho. They had crossed the Jordan river and now they saw the beautiful city of Jericho. It was located at the foot of a lofty mountain slope. Jericho had many sparkling fountains in it, but on this journey we do not know if Jesus noticed all of this or not, but we do know that He took notice of a man that probably many had passed by. It was the blind beggar. Oh, how we love Jesus for His great love to all people. Regardless of how small they are or how little others might think of them, Jesus takes note of them all. This beggar also knew how Jesus had healed others and now as he heard the crowd coming, he began to call for Jesus to have mercy on him. Even though there were multitudes with Jesus and probably many were talking, yet the call of one in need reached His ears. If we were in the crowd, we would wonder if He would take time for the blind beggar. Some close to the beggar told him to keep quiet, but he cried the more. Oh, how we love Jesus. He had a deep love for the blind beggar and He healed him. Surely we rejoice as we know that Jesus is the same today as He was when He walked on that road to Jericho.

— Aunt Marie

**Lesson 1, Jan. 4, 1976**

**JESUS TRAVELS TOWARD  
JERUSALEM**

**John 11:47; Luke 18:31-43**

John 11:47 Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.

Luke 18:31 Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.

32 For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on:

33 And they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again.

34 And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.

35 And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the wayside begging:

36 And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant.

37 And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.

38 And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me.

39 And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou son of David, have mercy on me.

40 And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him,

41 Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight.

42 And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee.

43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God:

and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

Memory Verse: Nor consider it expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. John 11:50.

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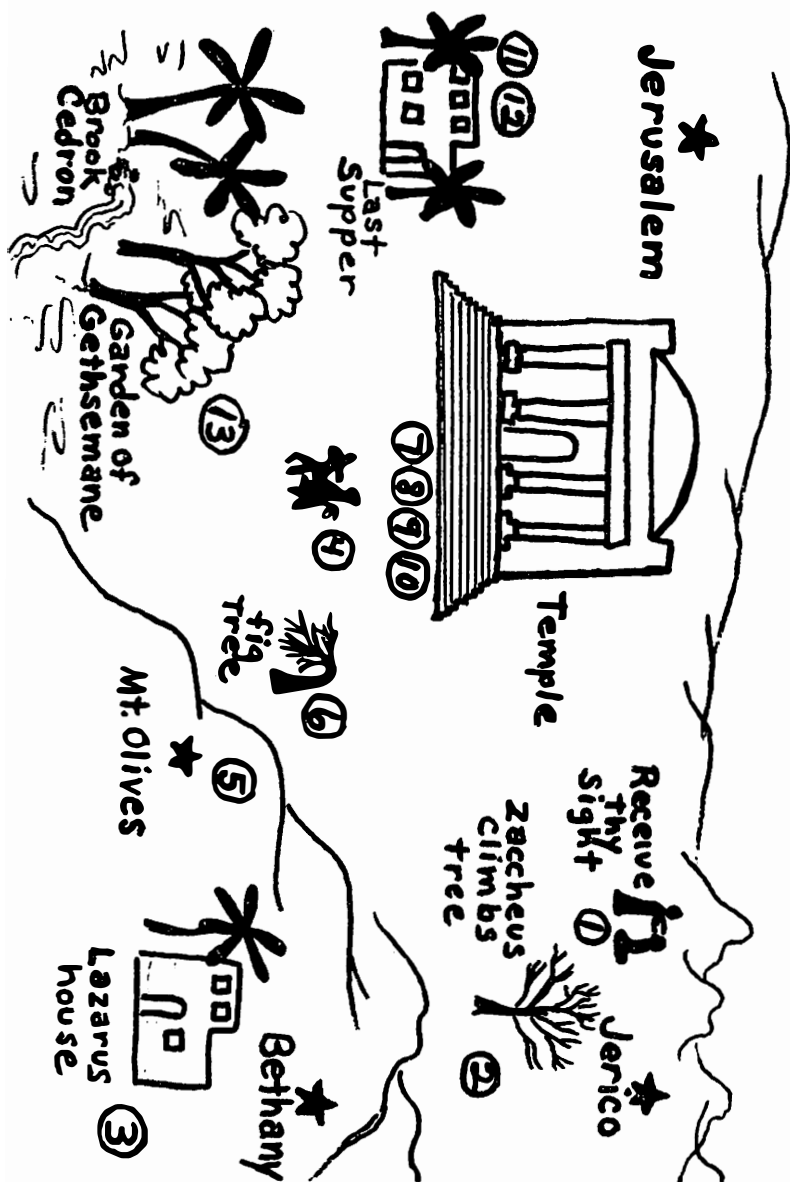
1. Why did the chief priests and Pharisees have a council?
2. What did Jesus say would be accomplished at Jerusalem?
3. How was Jesus to be treated at Jerusalem?
4. What did Jesus say would happen on the third day?
5. Did the disciples understand what Jesus was telling them?
6. Describe the man who was near Jericho?
7. What did the beggar ask when he heard the crowd passing by?
8. What did the blind man say?
9. Did the people like to hear the blind man crying out? How do you know?
10. Does Jesus take note of everyone?

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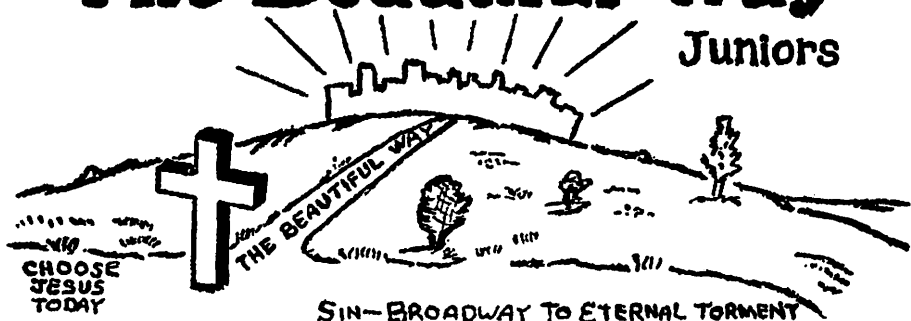
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Part Two

Jan. 11

## A Story for School Girls

It was recess time at Miss Capron's school. The girls stood together in one large group, talking very earnestly.

"I think it was a shame," said Marcia Lewis, "for her to make me face the corner for an hour, just because I spoke half a dozen words to Nellie Jones."

"I think so, too," chimed in half a dozen other voices.

"She delights in showing her authority," said Lottie Barnes.

"So she does, or she wouldn't have kept Anna Mory and me on the recitation seat, for missing one or two questions in arithmetic."

"Don't you think she is dreadfully cross? I guess if we should try to keep account of all her cross words and looks, we would have to be pretty busy."

"Wouldn't that be a nice idea? Let us make a mark on our slates every time she is cross, and see what a long string of marks we shall get."

"Oh yes! Let's do it! Yes! Yes!" chimed in a dozen voices in full chorus.

Poor Miss Capron! With a sinking heart she saw the unloving looks in her scholars' faces as they entered the school-room after this stormy consultation. She

had a severe headache that afternoon, so that, altogether, she did not wear nearly so smiling a face as usual, and the girls, prejudiced as they were, found ample occasion for setting down their cross-marks on their slates.

Pretty soon Lottie Barnes held up her slate to view, displaying a long row of marks. Anna Mory imitated her example; then Lottie Jones; and in less than two minutes the whole school followed suit. This, of course, called for a reprimand from Miss Capron; and then there was a terrible clicking of pencils. Soon Marcia Lewis dropped her slate on the floor, and the next instant every slate was on the floor.

"Girls! Girls!" said Miss Capron sternly, "You seem to have banded yourselves together to trample on the rules of order. I shall proceed no further with recitations until you have become quiet and orderly."

But even this seemed to fail of producing the desired result. The girls were quiet only a few minutes. Nellie Jones remembered that she had in her pocket a bottle of snuff for her grandmother, and in ten minutes the school-room was resounding with sneezes. Next, little paper balls began to fly mysterious-

ly from all sides, and every girl appeared intent upon her lesson. Presently, a half-suppressed titter from Marcia Lewis was heard and one after another joined in until at length there was an almost deafening peal of laughter.

"The very spirit of mischief seems to have made headquarters here this afternoon," said Miss Capron. "It is useless to try to proceed with recitations, while my whole attention is needed to keep you in order. I will give you another recess of fifteen minutes, and if you do not succeed in getting rid of your excess of fun and frolic, I shall take very prompt and decisive measures to help you."

The girls felt some little twinges of conscience, but, after all, were quite delighted with the success of their experiment.

"I tell you what it is," said Marcia Lewis, "Miss Capron has no business to be so awful cross. Only think what a sight of marks we got. Let's act just as bad when we go into school again, and she will have to dismiss us, and then we'll all go down to the falls and have a nice time."

"Wouldn't it be grand," said Nellie Jones.

"Splendid," replied Mattie Lee.  
(To be continued)

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### THOU SHALT NOT STEAL

Jimmie's mother and dad were Christians. They read Bible stories to Jimmie and his sister. They tried to teach their children to always do right and obey God's Word.

One day Jimmie and his mother were in the dime store. Mother stopped at the candy counter and looked, but she did not buy any candy. Oh! How Jimmie wanted some! He quickly slipped a piece of butterscotch into his pocket. No one saw him. Now he had a piece of candy, even if he did have to steal it. As Mother and

Jimmie went out to the car, Jimmie was able to slip the candy into his mouth.

Dad had a bottle of soda. He always shared with the children. He gave the bottle to Jimmie to take a big swallow. Of course Jimmie couldn't take the butterscotch out of his mouth, so he tried to drink the soda with the candy in his mouth. Oops! All at once the candy slipped down into his throat and began to choke him. He could not get his breath! He began to gag and choke.

Mother and Father thought that he had strangled on the soda. Dad was driving in the middle of the traffic and could not stop to help Jimmie. Mother hit Jimmie on the back trying to get him unstrangled. Sister began to cry. "Pray for him," Mother told Sister.

All at once the candy came up. It landed on the seat. Mother then saw what had caused Jimmie to choke, and she realized he had stolen the candy in the store.

"Oh, Jimmie, what if you had choked to death? Where would you be now? The devil almost sent you to hell for a little piece of candy."

Later Jimmie's dad took him back to the store so Jimmie could pay the manager for the piece of candy. The manager talked to Jimmie and asked him if he knew that his Daddy could have been made to pay a big fine because Jimmie had stolen the candy. I don't believe Jimmie will ever want to steal another piece of butterscotch, do you?

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When Father says he can't buy the new shoes you want, how will you look?



Learn Bible verses. It may be that a time will come when we will not have Bible as we do today.

Love your brothers and sisters. Some day all of you will grow up and you will need each other.

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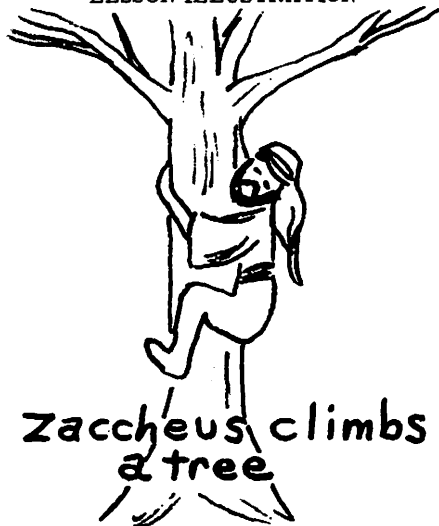
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Forgive others. Remember—bad things done to you will make you feel unhappy, but forgiving makes you feel good.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

The crowd moved on after Jesus had healed the blind man. I am sure that the man he had healed was rejoicing. The news had traveled that Jesus was coming and the blind man had been healed. Others came out from the city and joined the multitudes going along with Jesus. I am sure that you are anxious to see what more Jesus did.

The crowd was in the city of Jericho and there were all classes of people walking along—the rich, the poor, boys and girls, and men and women. But there was one little man that could not see Jesus and oh, he wanted to see Him so much! Now this man was rich. He was a chief among the publicans, or in other words, he was the head over a large office of tax collectors. The people did not like these tax collectors. They had to collect taxes for the Romans, who were ruling the Jews at that time. And the tax collectors were not very honest at times. They would overcharge and put the extra their own pockets. The Jews classed them as being wicked men. Matt. 21:31-32. But this man longed to see Jesus. If you had been in the crowd and had seen Zaccheus, you probably would laugh at that little man climbing up in a tree. You probably would wonder what he was going to do. Maybe those who thought he was a very wicked man expected him to throw something down on the crowd as they passed by. But that was not why Zaccheus climbed up into the tree, was it? He, no doubt, was troubled about his life of sin.

He knew that Jesus could help him. He had troubles and they were heavy upon Him. He wanted to see the man who was a problem-solver.

Now if anyone starts to look for Jesus or if anyone today prays to Jesus, they can be assured that Jesus will hear. Jesus knew all about Zaccheus and why he wanted to see Him. He could look into his mind and heart and know all about his thoughts and desires, just as Jesus can do today. So Jesus stopped. If we had been there we would have stopped also and heard Him say, "Zaccheus come down, for today I must abide at thy house." Oh, we would see the joy that Zaccheus had. And our lesson tells us what a good day it was for Zaccheus. He was forgiven of all his sins and made a happy man. Jesus will make you happy today if your sins are making you unhappy. So pray to Him.

— Aunt Marie

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**Lesson 2, Jan. 11, 1976**

## **JESUS MEETS ZACCHEUS AT JERICHO**

**Luke 19:1-11a**

Luke 19:1 And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

2 And, behold, there was a man named Zaccheus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.

3 And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.

4 And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him; for he was to pass that way.

5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zaccheus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house.

6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

8 And Zaccheus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem.

Memory Verse: For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10.

### **QUESTIONS:**

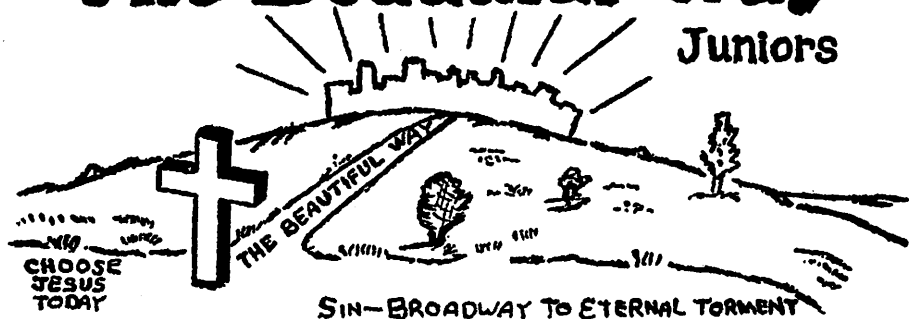
1. Who did Jesus meet at Jericho?
2. Tell two things about the work that Zaccheus did.
3. Why couldn't Zaccheus see Jesus?
4. How did he solve this problem?
5. Did Jesus see who was in the tree?
6. How do you know?
7. Tell what Zaccheus did.
8. Did the people like it because Jesus went home with Zaccheus?
9. Tell two things Zaccheus did to make his wrongs right.
10. What did Jesus mean when He said, "This day is salvation come to this house?"
11. Why did Jesus come to this world?
12. Does Jesus see those who seek Him today?
13. Would you be happy if your sins were gone?
14. How can you be saved today?

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Part Three

Jan. 18

## A Story for School Girls

(Continued from last issue)

"Why! What is the matter?" asked Mary Paine, who had been absent from school during the day until then and was surprised to find her usually pleasant companions so excited. When she had heard the whole story, she looked very sad:—

"Poor Miss Capron! How could you treat her so!"

"It is just what she deserves for being so cross," said Lottie Barnes.

"Oh, you have been looking at the wrong side, girls. I have heard a story of a lady who began to find faults in her son's wife. The more she looked for them, the more she found, until she began to think her daughter-in-law the most disagreeable person in the world. She used to talk of her failings to a very dear friend.

"Finally, her friend said to her one day, 'No doubt Jane has her faults, and very disagreeable ones, but suppose for awhile you try to see what good qualities you can discover in her character. Really, I am very curious to know.'

"The good lady was a little offended at her friend's plain suggestion, but finally concluded to try it, and long before she

had discovered half her good traits, she began to regard Jane as a perfect treasure. Now you have been doing just as this lady did, in looking for faults. Let us be like her the rest of the afternoon in looking for pleasant things. Let us see how many smiles we can get from Miss Capron."

Mary Paine was one of the oldest girls in the school. She gave the girls subjects for their compositions and helped them out of all their troubles. So being a favorite, they consented, half reluctantly, to do as she said.

Miss Capron dreaded to ring the bell. The fifteen minutes passed, and she felt compelled to call her scholars. They entered in perfect order. Each took her seat and began studying in real earnest. Frequently, however, a pleasant smile would seek an answering one from the teacher, and then one would be added to the rapidly increasing flow of smile-marks. The good order and close application to study, and the winning looks, soon caused a continual smile to lighten Miss Capron's face, till the girls finally rubbed out the marks, saying it was of no use to try to keep account.

Marcia Lewis wrote on her slate, "It's smile all the time."

Before Miss Capron dismissed the school at night, she said:—

"My head ached sadly before recess, and I fear I was impatient with you. Your good conduct since has convinced me that I must have been at fault. I thank you, my dear girls, for your love and kindness, and hope you will forgive my faults as freely as I do yours. School is dismissed."

Instantly she was surrounded by all the girls and showered with kisses.

"We have been very wicked," said Marcia Lewis, "and it is not your fault at all."

Little Libbie Denny then related the whole story of their conspiracy, and when she told the part that Mary Paine had taken, Miss Capron put her arm about Mary, and kissing her, said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

"Well, my dears," she added, "which was best, looking for smile or frowns?"

"Oh, the smiles," said they all together.

"I wish you might learn a lesson from this to remember all through your lives. Overlook the bad and seek for what is good in everybody; and so you will help to make both yourselves and others happier and better. What is the lesson, girls?"

And each voice responded, "We will overlook the bad and seek only for what is good in those around us."

— Sel. Written in 1940

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There is not a friend like Jesus;  
Trust Him everywhere you go;  
He has trod the way before you,  
Suffered every pain and woe.

There is not a friend like Jesus,  
Patient, tender, kind and true;  
If you'll be a friend of Jesus,  
He will be a friend to you."

## Anna's Difficulty

Our friend Anna came home from school one day with her sunny face all in a cloud, and looking as if it might presently get a sprinkling of tears. There was one to whom she always went in trouble, besides that other One (God), whom she tried never to forget, and she sought her best earthly friend now.

"Mother, I do think it is mean and rude in the Wilsons that they pass me by when nearly all the class of girls are invited. I don't want to feel bad about such a thing, but I can't help it. I don't know of anybody that likes to be slighted."

"Of course not, my daughter," said Mrs. Jones. "The feeling of having been rudely treated is always uncomfortable. What do you suppose is the reason you are not included in the party?"

"It is because the Wilsons feel above us, Mother. The girls dress in finer clothes than I do, and have more accomplishments, and we work for a living, and they do not. But, Mother, I believe I am as intelligent and well-bred as they. I can't bear it, Mother."

"It is not pleasant, to be sure, Anna. But think again, darling, before you say you cannot bear it."

"Well, Mother, who could? Nobody but you, who seems to have a way of getting around hard places, or walking right through them."

"I have had many more years of experience in life than you. But I wish you to think now whether there is not some way for you to bear this little vexation."

"Oh, yes, Mother, I know what you always say, and that, of course, is right. But I don't see how feeling and acting like a Christian takes away one's natural feeling about being slighted and ill-treated by others."

"Perhaps it does not. I sometimes think one's sensibilities are greatly intensified by leading the better life. A Christian, in trying to bring his own character up to the point of perfect love and honor, often becomes exacting of such perfection in others, and failing to find it, feels exquisite pain. Yet the pain will more often be because of God's great principles of right are violated, than that His personal feelings are hurt. Which is easier for you, child, to be wounded in personal feeling, or to see what is wrong against God?"

"I never thought exactly; it is dreadful to see the wrong, but one feels in the other a sense of shame—feels so wronged—it is quite different."

"My precious one," said Mrs. Jones, "when you have so learned the love of God as to know no difference between the interests and the honor of His law, and your own comfort and pleasure and good name, you will see more clearly how this is, and feel, it is likely, the sense of shame and wrong in a different way."

"But, mother, haven't we a right to feel hurt when we are wronged or slighted—I mean personally hurt?"

(To be continued)

#### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



**An alabaster box  
of very precious  
ointment**

Dear Boys and Girls:

Jesus left the city of Jericho. He and His disciples climbed the steep mountain pass on their way to Jerusalem. Jesus told about how the good Samaritan had helped the man who had been wounded by robbers while traveling on that road. Finally, they reached the city of Bethany, which lies at the eastern foot of the mount of Olives. Bethany was a small town. It was a quiet town and the mountain shut it off from the view of Jerusalem. This is the place where Mary, Martha and Lazarus lived. You remember about how Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead. We are told that this had happened about two months before this day when Jesus stopped at their home in Bethany. I am sure that the people were excited, as they again saw Jesus visit their town. Mary, Martha and Lazarus made a supper for Jesus.

Boys and girls, our lesson tells us that Jesus came to the home of Lazarus just six days before the Passover. Now the Passover started at sundown on Thursday, so this would have been on Saturday evening, before Jesus was to be put to death on the coming Friday. Saturday was the Jewish sabbath. From now on we want to talk about some things that Jesus did on each day before His death and resurrection.

Mary loved Jesus very much. She knew that many did not love Him and wanted to kill Him. Maybe she felt the sadness of Jesus and the disciples who were on their way to Jerusalem. Jesus had told the disciples that He would be killed, but it seemed they could not believe it or understand it all, yet they knew something was going to happen. Mary wanted to do something for the One she loved, before His death. She thought of the richest treasure in her house, which was a bottle of perfume. Our lesson calls it ointment, and it sold for 300 pence. That would be a lot of money today. But nothing was too

expensive or too great for her to give or do for her Lord, the One she loved. She got the costly perfume and poured it on the feet of Jesus. Now the people in that day reclined on long couches to eat at the table so it was easy for her to do this. She wiped His feet with her hair. Oh, what a humble thing to do. She was showing her love to Him. But Judas, one of the disciples, who kept the bag, thought that this was a terrible waste. He did not care for the poor, but thought of how much money he could steal from the bag. Our lesson tells us what Jesus replied to him. Boys and girls, today we can show our love to Jesus by doing good to others and by keeping His Word. Can you name some things that you can do to show your love to Jesus?

— Aunt Marie

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**Lesson 3, Jan. 18, 1976**

**JESUS AT BETHANY**

**John 12:1-11**

John 12:1 Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment.

4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him,

5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

7 Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

8 For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

9 Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead.

10 But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death;

11 Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.

Memory Verse: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. Mark 12:30.

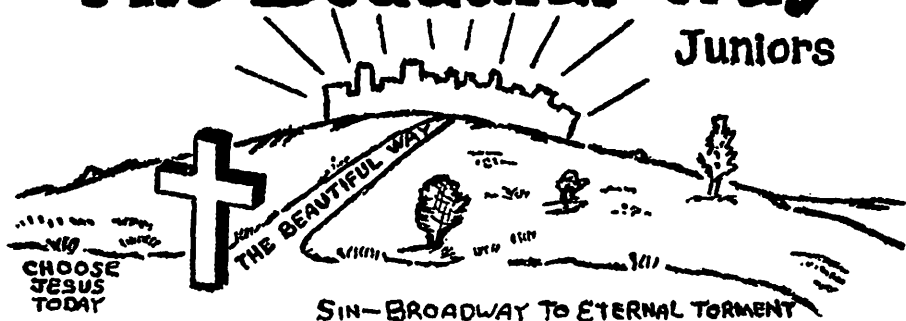
**QUESTIONS:**

1. Who lived at Bethany?
2. What happened to Lazarus?
3. Who served supper, and who sat at the table with Jesus?
4. Tell what Mary did.
5. Do you know what very costly means?
6. Why did Mary anoint Jesus' feet?
7. What did Judas ask?
8. Did he really want to give the money to the poor?
9. What did he want the money for?
10. What do you think "had the bag, and bare what was put therein" means?
11. How did Jesus defend Mary for what she did?
12. Will we always have the poor with us?
13. Why did the Jews come to Bethany?
14. Did the chief priests like Lazarus?
15. Why?

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## Juniors



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Jan. 25

### Anna's Difficulty

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"Yes, but maybe if we looked a little deeper into the principles of things, or our own principles, we should not suffer so much. What is the secret of your feeling hurt by the Wilsons? Does the slight make your real self in any respect less or worse? Does it injure you in the estimation of others?"

"Why no, mother, I suppose not, but I am as good and as much respected as they are, and I don't like to have it seem that I am beneath them because I am not so rich, and all that."

"My dear, I believe we have talked this subject over before, and long ago understood that we desire no position, no companionship which is not ours by right of moral and intellectual character.

"It is the Christian principle to live in all things for the true and the right; to be willing to take our own place in business and society, and fill it well; to think less of what others think of us than of what we in ourselves are; to appear to be only what we are, and be willing to appear thus while we are always looking up to something wiser, and livelier, and better.

"I never could conceive the idea of a Christian's being above or beneath anyone in the sense you mean. His associations are, or should be, such as Christ's were in His walk among men. Christ, infinitely endowed with all excellence and beauty, was also infinitely humble. He neither sought nor shunned anyone for His own sake, but lived out the divine fullness of His life of suffering and love without regard to His position or popularity with men. I said He did not seek others, but I must except the beloved John, and the household at Bethany, and a few others whom He loved undoubtedly for their own sake, with a personal, human sort of attachment."

"You don't mean, Mother, that we should never seek people for their own sake or our own pleasure?"

"No, surely, but those only who are congenial in principles and life. Treat others with courtesy and generosity, and after that, allow them to be as indifferent to you as you are to those whom you do not prefer. Every person has a right to select his companions, and everyone should possess enough personal dignity and generosity not to be offended if he is not preferred.

"I suspect you are wrong about the Wilson's. If they do not prefer you for your own sake, they have the right not to do so, and you should accord it to them just as you take the privilege of not inviting certain others who might feel the same about you as you do toward the Wilsons. And more than this, Anna, if the Wilsons live for different principles, making friends for other reasons than you do, why, indeed, should you care for their especial regard? A friendship built upon the accidents of fortune, distinction, or show, has but a sandy foundation at best.

"There is no security of happiness in any earthly advantage. Only take care to be in yourself what in your circumstances is noble and beautiful and good, and you will find the right position without any particular seeking. The love and approval of the good and pure will come to you, and that is what you want of any friendship, and nothing more.

"Half the personal ill-feeling in the world comes of people's aspiring to what they have no fitness for; they have neither the dignity nor the humility to take the place God in His providence assigns them, and instead of reaching out of it by making themselves nobler and better, they attempt to build up by some appearance which is not more than half true.

"The real Christian will not want a name or a reputation which he does not by right of goodness or talent deserve, but by living well where he may be, he makes any duty, any position, honorable and good. He has nothing to do with the false. He can afford to seem in all things what he is, and to depend for love and favor on his consciousness of worth."

"But, mother, I never thought of depending upon anything else. The Wilsons know that I am their equal in the school room, and in all the qualities which they ought to respect."

"You remember we spoke of a right of choice on their part, and now are you,

a Christian, going to be hurt because fashionable people do not court you? Can you not yet think of a way to bear the vexation? Is it, indeed, so much of a trial, as you think it all over?

"You know, dear little daughter, that Christians can look at these things only in the light the Christ-life sheds on their souls, on all their earthly relations, on the path that leads them up to the Source of light, truth, and right. Think of it, and tell me tomorrow if you can bear to be slighted by the Wilsons."

(To be continued)

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### DO NOT OBEY THE DEVIL

"Mary, I wish the devil would not tell me to do naughty things. Mother said that I should not listen to the devil, but sometimes he tells me to do something that I want to do," Lillie said as she looked out the window.

"What did you do now?" asked her older sister, Mary.

"I spilled my red paint on the carpet. I know Mother will spank me, and I don't want a spanking, but the devil told me to do it. I didn't intend to spill the paint. I was just going to paint just a little bit and then put them away. I didn't see any reason why I should go to the back porch for just a little painting," Lillie confessed as tears began to roll down her cheeks.

"Maybe I can help you get it up before Mother comes home. But you should not disobey Mother," said Mary as she and Lillie started for her room.

Soon Mary had the paint cleaned up off the rug and it looked as good as before. Lillie hugged her and then said, "I am going to obey Mother after this and not obey the devil. He always gets me into trouble."

"Yes, he gets a person into trouble but the devil never helps you out of trouble. He just laughs at you and then later you will go to hell with him if you don't repent

of your sins," Mary said, as she gave her little sister a hug.

"I am sorry and I know Jesus has forgiven me, because I asked him."

— M. Miles

Jesus always went about doing good.  
Let us be like Jesus.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

We read in John 12:12, that on the very next day after Mary anointed the feet of Jesus, He went into Jerusalem. That is where our lesson takes place. It would be Sunday. Jesus probably stayed all night in the home of Lazarus and in the morning started walking toward Jerusalem. If we were walking with Jesus, we would climb the eastern slope of Mt. Olive. Jesus had already told the disciples to go into a village and there they would find a colt tied, on which no man had ever ridden. They were to untie this colt and bring it to

Jesus. We might note that horses were not used very much in that day. Jesus also told His disciples that if anyone should question them about taking the colt, they were to tell them that the Lord had need of it. The disciples did as Jesus told them, and found a colt tied. They brought it to Jesus. The one who owned the colt let them take it. The disciples brought the colt to Jesus and put their garments on it for Jesus to sit upon.

Boys and girls, we find in the old Bible a foretelling of this. How wonderful it is to find that what God said would come to pass, did come to pass. We read in the old Bible, in Zechariah 9:9, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, upon a colt the foal of an ass." An ass was an animal used in peaceful times, even as in the past, horses were used in war. Great and famous people rode upon an ass when they came into a town and were honored. Zechariah, the prophet, speaks of One who should "speak peace." (Zech. 9:10) So we are walking up the eastern slope of Mt. Olive and crossing over it into the city, with Jesus riding on an ass. The people who saw Him coming knew that He was the Prince of Peace. How wonderful!

Oh, the joy of the people when they saw Jesus coming as a king! They spread their garments down upon the ground to make a carpet for Him to ride over. Others cut down branches from the trees and spread them in the road. The trees were palm trees and they had broad, leafy branches. Others walked along and shouted, waving the palm branches. They shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord." John 12:13. If we had been along we would have shouted too. Another crowd from Jerusalem heard that Jesus was coming and soon there was a multitude

shouting and praising God for the King  
that rode into the city that day (Sunday).  
— Aunt Marie

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**Lesson 4, Jan. 25, 1976**

### **ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM**

**Mark 11:1-11; Matt. 21:10, 11;  
Zech. 9:9**

Mark 11:1 And when they came nigh  
to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Beth-  
any, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth  
forth two of his disciples,

2 And saith unto them, Go your way  
into the village over against you: and as  
soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find  
a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose  
him, and bring him.

3 And if any man say unto you, Why do  
ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need  
of him; and straightway he will send him  
hither.

4 And they went their way, and found the  
colt tied by the door without in a place  
where two ways met; and they loose  
him.

5 And certain of them that stood there  
said unto them, What do ye, loosing the  
colt?

6 And they said unto them even as Jesus  
had commanded: and they let them go.

7 And they brought the colt to Jesus  
and cast their garments on him; and he sat  
upon him.

8 And many spread their garments in  
the way: and others cut down branches off  
the trees, and strewed them in the way.

9 And they that went before, and they  
that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna;  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of  
the Lord:

10 Blessed be the kingdom of our father  
David, that cometh in the name of the Lord:  
Hosanna in the highest.

Matt. 21:10 And when he was come unto  
Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying,  
Who is this?

11 And the multitude said, This is Jesus  
the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

Mark 11:11 And Jesus entered Jerusa-  
lem, and into the temple: and when he had  
looked round about upon all things, and now  
the eventide was come, he went out unto  
Bethany with the twelve.

Zech. 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of  
Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: be-  
hold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just,  
and having salvation; lowly, and riding  
upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an  
ass.

Memory Verse: The Pharisees there-  
fore said among themselves, Perceive ye  
how ye prevail nothing? Behold, the world  
is gone after him. John 12:19.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

1. How many disciples did Jesus send  
into the village?

2. What were they to get?

3. Has anyone ever ridden this colt?

4. What were they to answer to anyone  
who asked what they did?

5. Did they find the colt?

6. Did anyone object to their taking  
the colt?

7. What did they put on the colt for Jesus  
to sit upon?

8. What was spread upon the road for  
the colt to walk upon?

9. What did the people cry out?

10. Can you tell what scripture Jesus  
fulfilled?

11. Where did Jesus go in Jerusalem?

12. Why did kings ride upon asses?

13. Why do you think it was suitable for  
Jesus to ride upon an ass?

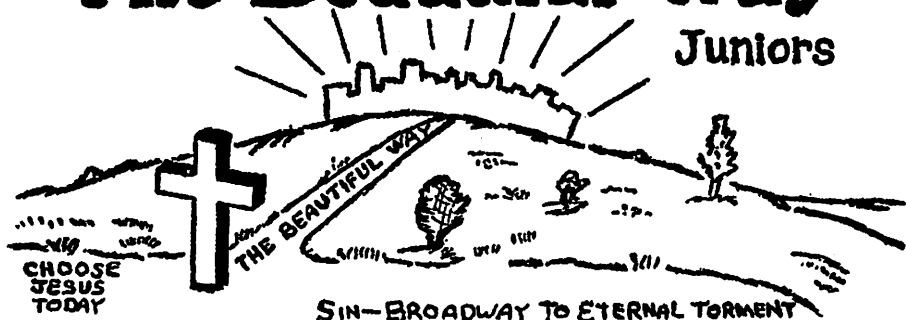
14. What did the Pharisees say about all  
of this?

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Juniors



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Part Five

Feb. 1

## Anna's Difficulty

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"Well, Anna," said Mrs. Jones the next day, "Have you come to a conclusion?"

"Really, mother," said Anna, "you have a great way of taking the sting out of uncomfortable things. I wonder if I shall ever get so as not to care for my own sake."

"That will depend upon how closely you are united to God. If you live the true Christ-life, nothing of the sort will hurt you much. The consciousness of being right and the joy of His approval will suffice you. But what about the Wilsons?"

"Why, Mother, nothing about them. I don't think I shall feel bad anymore. If they do not care for me, I shall not for them, only to be kind and polite, and I am sure I want no one's favor who does not love me for just what I am, and for trying to become better than I am. I shall go to school very happy today."

"I am truly glad, Anna, but always remember this: Every soul is created by the same God and is as dear to God as any other life.

"The Christian is peculiarly precious to Him and however humble in this

world's estimate, is an heir to His eternal glory and happiness, and so the Christian should, whatever may be his gifts or calling, possess the quietness and dignity of spirit, that, resting in the consciousness of God's love and approval, he will not be greatly moved by the applause or the displeasure of his fellows."

"And, so, mother, it saves a great many uncomfortable feelings to be a child of God."

"It saves a great amount of disappointed pride and wounded vanity, gives many a sweet night's sleep in thinking God will take care of our reputation, being willing to be what and where He will have us to be.

"On the whole, Anna, it is a happier, more comfortable thing, for the relations even of this life, to be a Christian; not a half-way disciple, but a whole heart-and-soul believer, who keeps no reserves to sting his conscience with. He will not feel a thousand things that sting others; and the real troubles that he must bear are shared by Him who has promised to carry our human sorrows.

"Be at peace with God, dear child, and let the love which that peace brings, speak in the very tones of your voice, in your manners, and in your ways. Then you

need not be embarrassed if duty calls you either to a palace or to a hovel."

"I shall get my lessons better today for that thought, Mother. I shall not feel half so vexed if I fail when I have done the best I can."

"That is the intention of religion always, my child, to keep the possessor calm, assured, and quite aside from the little jostlings and vexations of a self-seeking life."

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"The past is written, the future is beyond our control, but today is ours, and is an opportunity to bestow a gift which will be more welcome than any that money can purchase. There should be no guesswork concerning affection; 'make it plain,' 'write it large.' 'Silence is golden' when it represses bitter words or ignorant comment, but it sinks like lead into the heart which has a right to expect tender and trustful utterances." — Sel.

## What a Lie Did

It was winter twilight. The shadows played about the room, while the ruddy light flickered pleasantly between the ancient andirons.

A venerable old lady, whose hair time had silvered, but whose heart he had left fresh and young, sat musing in an arm-chair, drawn up closely by the fireside. Suddenly the door opened, and a little girl hurried to her side.

"Well, Bessie," said the old lady, laying her hand lovingly on the child's sunny ringlets, "have you had a good slide?"

"Beautiful, Aunt Ruth; and now, won't you tell me one of your nice stories?"

Bessie was an only child whose mother had just died. The little girl had come to visit her aunt, who had learned to love her dearly because of her winning ways and affectionate disposition.

But Aunt Ruth's eyes were of the clear sort, and she soon discovered that Bessie was not only careless about telling the truth, but that she displayed little sensitiveness when detected in a falsehood.

Now, if there was any one trait that Aunt Ruth was particularly distinguished for, it was her unswerving truthfulness; and if there was any one thing that annoyed her more than all others, it was anything like falsehood.

"A liar shall not stand in my sight," was the language of her heart, and so she determined, with the help of God, to root out from her darling's character the noxious weed, whatever effort it might cost her. Of this she had been musing, and her resolve was formed.

"Get your rocking chair, dear, and come close beside me;" and in a moment the child's blue eyes were upturned to hers.

"I am old now, Bessie," and she tenderly stroked that fair brow, "and my memory is failing. But I can recall the time when I was a little dancing, sunny-haired girl, like you. You open your eyes wonderingly, but, if your life is spared, before you know it, child, you will be an old lady like Aunt Ruth.

"In those days I was in a spelling class, at school, with a little girl named Amy, a sweet-tempered, sensitive child and a very good scholar. She seemed disposed to cling to me, and I could not well resist her loving friendship. Yet I did not quite like her, because she often went above me in the class, when, but for her, I should have stood at the head.

"Poor Amy could not account for my occasional coolness, for I was too proud to let her know the reason. I had been a truthful child, Bessie, but envy tempted me, and I yielded. I sometimes tried to prejudice the other girls against Amy and this was the beginning of my deceit. She

was too timid to defend herself, and so I usually carried my point.

"One day our teacher gave out to us the word, believe. In her usual low voice, Amy spelt 'b-e-l-i-e-v-e, believe.' Her teacher misunderstanding her said, quickly, 'Wrong—the next;' but turning to her again, asked, 'Amy, did you not spell it l-e-i-v-e?'"

"'No ma'am, I said l-i-e-v-e.'"

"Miss R—, still in doubt, looking at me, inquired, 'You heard, Ruth; how was it?'"

(To be continued)

#### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

Last Sunday we talked about Jesus riding into Jerusalem on Sunday, and about the people shouting praises to their King. Today we are going to talk about something that Jesus did as the city of Jerusalem came into view and before going on down into the city.

There Jesus stopped. He had a great view of the city. He saw the huge temple that glistened in the sun. There was gold

on its sides and the marble was a dazzling sight to behold as the whiteness of it looked like snow. Jesus saw all the great buildings, but He looked farther than the buildings. He saw the people. He looked farther than just the dress that they had on. He looked into their hearts. He saw wickedness there. He saw the hatred that the rulers had for Him and felt the rejection of most of the people. Even though a large number were there praising Him, He knew that they were only few in comparison to the large number that were against Him. He knew that they would take and kill Him, even though He came to save them from their sins. He knew that they would be punished for their sins and for not accepting Him as their Saviour.

Our lesson tells us what Jesus said would happen to the city of Jerusalem. He also told those who loved Him to flee the city before this terrible destruction would come to pass.

In later years, about 70 A.D., after Jesus' death, resurrection, and return to heaven, this terrible thing happened. Boys and girls, we must remember that whatever Jesus says will happen, will come to pass just that way. We must remember His words and believe them. Don't ever let anyone make you think they are not true. They are true and all things will come to pass just as He has said. Today, many do not believe and they are headed for trouble. They will be lost in hell, but you can believe and you will go to heaven.

In 70 A.D., a great ruler, named Titus, surrounded the city of Jerusalem. He wanted them to surrender to him, but they would not. So he held them inside of the city. Their food soon was gone. People starved to death. There was no room to bury the dead so they threw them over the wall of the city. A great pile of dead people were there and when Titus saw it, he threw up his hands to heaven and said,

"I call God to witness that it was not my doings." Soon the city was stormed by the troops and destroyed. They tore down the temple and even dug up the foundation, just as it had been foretold. — Aunt Marie

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## Lesson 5, Feb. 1, 1976

### JESUS WEEPS OVER JERUSALEM

**Luke 19:41; 13:34, 35; 19:42-44;  
Matt. 24:15-20**

Luke 19:41 And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it.

Luke 13:34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!

35 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Luke 19:42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,

44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

Matt. 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth let him understand:)

16 Then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains:

17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

Memory Verse: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16.

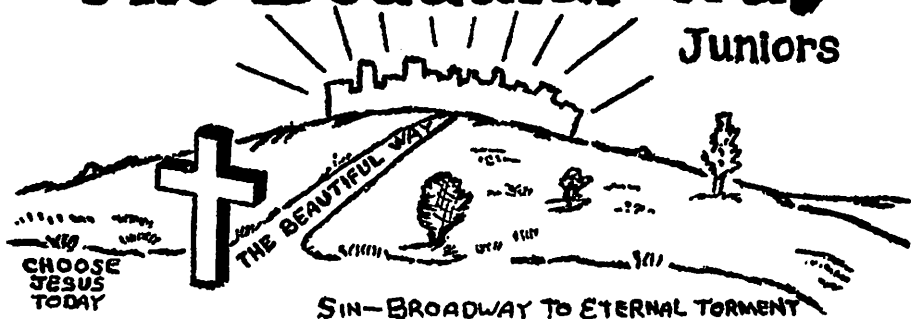
### QUESTIONS:

1. What city did Jesus weep over?
2. What had Jerusalem done to the prophets and those who had been sent to her?
3. Why didn't Jesus gather them together as a hen doth her chicks?
4. Do you know what the word, "desolate" means?
5. Why couldn't they know "the things which belong to thy peace?"
6. What awful calamity was to come upon Jerusalem?
7. Do you know why it came upon the city of Jerusalem?
8. Name some of the instructions that Jesus gave to the Christians about Jerusalem.
9. Was the word of God fulfilled concerning Jerusalem?
10. Do you think God wants anyone to be lost?
11. Why, or why not?
12. Do you think Jesus is still grieved over those who reject Him?
13. Are YOU rejecting the Lord in your life?
14. Will God's Word always be fulfilled?

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Part Six

Feb. 8

## What a Lie Did

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"A wicked thought occurred to me, — to disgrace her, and raise myself. Deliberately I uttered a gross falsehood, 'Amy said l-e-i-v-e.'"

"The teacher turned toward Amy, who stood silent, distressed and confounded by my accusation. Her flushed face and streaming eyes gave her the appearance of guilt.

" 'Amy, I did not expect a lie from you. Go, now, to the foot of the class, and remember to remain after school.'"

"I had triumphed, Bessie; Amy was disgraced, and I stood proudly at the head of my class, but I was not happy.

"When school was dismissed, I pretended to have lost something and I lingered in the hall. I heard the teacher say,—

" 'Amy, come here,' and then I caught the light footsteps of the gentle child.

" 'Miss R—I did not tell a lie,' but even as she denied it, I could see through the keyhole that in her grief at the charge, and her dread of punishment she stood trembling like a culprit.

" 'Hold out your hand.'"

"There I stood, as if spellbound. Stroke after stroke of the hard ruler I heard fall upon the small white hand of the innocent child. You may well hide your eyes from me, Bessie. Oh, why did I not speak? Every stroke went to my heart, but I would not confess my sin, and so I stole softly from the door.

"As I lingered on the way, poor Amy walked slowly along, with her books in one hand, while with the other she kept wiping away the tears, which would not yet cease to flow. Her sobs, seeming to come from a breaking heart, sank deep into my own.

"As she walked on, weeping, her feet stumbled, and she fell, and her books were scattered on the ground. I picked them up and handed them to her. Turning toward me her soft blue eyes, swimming in tears, in the sweetest tones she said, —

" 'I thank you, Ruth.'"

"It made my guilty heart beat faster, but I would not speak, so we went on silently together.

"When I reached home, I said to myself, 'what is the use, nobody knows it, and why should I be so miserable?' I resolved to throw off the hated burden, and, going into the pleasant parlor, I talked and laughed as if nothing were the matter. But

the load on my poor heart only grew the heavier.

"I needed no one, Bessie, to reprove me for my cruel sin. The eye of God seemed consuming me. But the worse I felt, the gayer I seemed; and more than once I was checked for my boisterous mirth, while tears were struggling to escape.

"At length I went to my room. I could not pray, and so hurrying to bed, I resolutely shut my eyes. But sleep would not come to me. The ticking of the old clock in the hall seemed every moment to grow louder, as if reproaching me; and when it slowly told the hour of midnight, it smote upon my ear like a knell.

"I turned and turned upon my little pillow, but it was filled with thorns. The sweet blue eyes, swimming in tears, were ever before me; the repeated stroke of the hard ruler kept sounding in my ears. At length, unable to endure it longer, I left my bed, and sat down by the window. The noble elms stood peacefully in the moonlight, the penciled shadow of their spreading branches lying tremulously on the ground.

"The white fence, the graveled walks, the perfect quietness in which everything was wrapped, seemed to mock my restlessness, while the solemn midnight sky filled me with a sense of awe which I never felt before. Ah! Bessie, God was displeased with me, and my conscience was burdened and uneasy. I was wretched.

"As I turned from the window, my eyes rested on the snow-white coverlet of my little bed, a birthday gift from my mother. All her patient kindness rushed upon my mind. I felt her dying hand upon my head. I listened once more to her trembling voice, as she fervently besought the blessing of heaven upon me:—

"'Oh, make her a truthful, holy child!'

"I tried to banish from my thoughts this last petition of my dying mother;

but the more resolute was my purpose, the more distinctly did those pleading tones fall upon my heart, till, bowing upon the window, I wept convulsively. But tears, Bessie, could give me no relief.

"My agony became every moment more intense, 'till at length I rushed, almost in terror, to my father's bedside.

"'Father! Father!' but I could say no more. Tenderly putting his arm around me, he laid my throbbing head upon his bosom; and there he gently soothed me, till I could so far control my sobbing, as to explain its cause. Then how fervently did he plead with heaven, that his sinning child might be forgiven!

"'Dear Father,' said I, 'will you go with me tonight to see poor Amy?'

"He answered, 'Tomorrow morning, my child.'

"Delay was torture, but striving to suppress my disappointment, I received my father's kiss and went back to my room. But slumber had still fled from my weary eyelids.

"My longing to beg Amy's forgiveness amounted to frenzy; and after watching for the morning, for what seemed to me hours, my anguish became so intolerable that I fled once more to my father, and with tears streaming down my cheeks, I knelt by his side, beseeching him to go with me to Amy that moment, adding, in a whisper, 'She may die before she has forgiven me.' He laid his hand upon my burning cheek, and after a moment's thought, replied, 'I will go with you, my child.'

(To be continued)

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"There is not a friend like Jesus,  
In the trying scenes of life  
He can hear the heart's faint whisper,  
Calm the tempest's raging strife.

There is not a friend like Jesus;  
Bid the scoffing world adieu;  
For if you're ashamed of Jesus  
He will be ashamed of you.

"I will no longer doubt thee, O Lord,  
I will forever stand on thy word.  
I will believe and simply trust;  
Can I have faith? Yes. Lord, I must."

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION

## The cursed fig tree



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Dear Boys and Girls,

The last verse in last Sunday's lesson makes us know that Jesus and His disciples went back to Bethany that evening and probably spent the night at the home of Lazarus. The first verse in our lesson says, "on the morrow," which would make us know that our lesson for today took place on Monday, before Jesus was crucified on the following Friday. Remember, we are trying to talk about some things that happened to Jesus each day before He died on Friday of that week.

The city of Jerusalem was a city of about 50,000 people, but at this time the city was crowded, as many came to partake of the Feast of the Passover. They came from many places all around Jerusalem. Some think that at this time there

were over a million people in Jerusalem. Of course, we find the same thing happening in that day as we do today. Do you remember that when you are at a place where there is a big crowd, that you pay more for ice cream or candy than you do at the store? Well, we find that there were many doing this same thing in Jerusalem, when the city was so crowded.

We know that many birds and animals were to be killed for the Passover, as sacrifices at this spring feast. And, of course, there was Roman money to be changed into temple money. The Mosaic law said that each was to give a half of a shekel for atonement money. Ex. 30:13. The money changers would charge for changing this money. Of course, this was taken from the poor people and the working class.

Let us walk with Jesus into the temple. We walk past the gate and into the outer court known as "the court of the Gentiles." Above the voices of the packed court, we can hear the bleating of sheep and cooing of the doves. Also we hear the clanking of money and the arguing of the money changers. All of this grieved Jesus very much. Right in the place where God was to be worshipped, the wicked business men were taking advantage of people who had come from a far country to keep the Passover. Jesus took a scourge of small cords and He drove out the sheep and oxen and the men. He turned the birds loose, and turned over the tables of the money changers. John 2:15-17. He did not want the house of the Lord to be a place of merchandise, but a house of prayer. The disciples looked on and they remembered what the old Bible had said about this event. "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." John 2:17.

Boys and girls, Jesus was not afraid to stand up for the right. He knew that this was wrong and He boldly took action against it. We must always stand up for right.

— Aunt Marie





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Part Seven

Feb. 15

## What a Lie Did

(Continued from last issue)

"In a few moments we were on our way. As we approached Mrs. Sinclair's cottage, we perceived lights hurrying to and fro, from one room to another. Shuddering with dread, I drew closer to my father. He softly opened the gate, and silently we passed through it.

"The doctor, who was just leaving the door, seemed greatly surprised to meet us there at that hour. Words cannot describe my feelings, when in answer to my father's inquiries, he told us that Amy was sick with brain fever.

" 'Her mother tells me,' he continued, 'that she has not been well for several days, but that she was unwilling to remain from school. She came home yesterday afternoon, it seems, very unlike herself. She took no supper, but sat at the table silently, as if stupefied with grief.

" 'Her mother tried in every way to find out the cause of her sorrow, but in vain. She went to bed with the same broken-hearted appearance, and in less than an hour, I was summoned. In her delirium she has been calling upon her dear Ruth, beseeching you with the most

mournful earnestness to pity and to save her.'

"Bessie, may you never know how his words pierced my heart!

"My earnest plea to see Amy just one minute, prevailed with her widowed mother. Kindly taking my hand, the murderer's— she led me to the sick chamber. As I looked on the sweet sufferer, all hope deserted me. The shadows of death were already on her forehead and her large blue eyes.

"Kneeling by her bed, in whispered words my heart pleaded, oh, so earnestly, for forgiveness. But, when I looked entreatingly toward her, in her delirious gaze there was no recognition. No, Bessie, I was never to be comforted by the assurance of her pardon.

"When I next saw Amy, she was asleep. The bright flush had faded from her cheek, whose marble paleness was shaded by her long eyelashes. Delirium had ceased, and the aching heart was still. That small, white hand, which had been held out tremblingly, to receive the blows of the harsh ruler, now lay lovingly folded within the other. Never again would tears flow from those gentle eyes, nor that bosom heave with sorrow. That sleep was the sleep of death!

"My grief was wilder, if not deeper, than that mother's of whose lost treasure I had robbed her. She forgave me, but I could not forgive myself. What a long, long winter followed. My sufferings threw me into a fever, and in my delirium I called continually upon Amy.

"But God listened to the prayers of my dear father, and raised me from this sickness. And when the light footsteps of spring were seen upon the green earth, and early flowers were springing up over the grave of Amy, for the first time, I was allowed to visit it.

"My head swam, as I read, lettered so carefully on the white tablet:—

"'Amy Sinclair,  
Fell asleep September third,'

"Beside that fresh turf I knelt down, and offered, as I trust, the prayer of faith. I was there relieved, and strengthened too, Bessie," said Aunt Ruth, as she laid her hand tenderly upon the young head bowed down upon her lap.

Poor Bessie's tears had long been flowing, and now her grief seemed uncontrollable. Nor did her aunt attempt consolation; for she hoped that there was healing in that sorrow.

"Pray for me!" whispered Bessie, as, at length, looking up through her tears, she flung her arms about her aunt, and from a full heart, Aunt Ruth prayed for the weeping child.

That scene was never forgotten by Bessie; for in that twilight hour, a light dawned upon her, brighter than the morning. And, although it had cost Aunt Ruth not a little to call up this dark shadow of her past, yet she felt repaid a thousand-fold for her sacrifice. For that sweet, young face, lovely as a May morning, but whose beauty had been often marred by the workings of deceit and falsehood, grew radiant in the clear light of that truthful purpose which was then born in her soul.

—Sel.

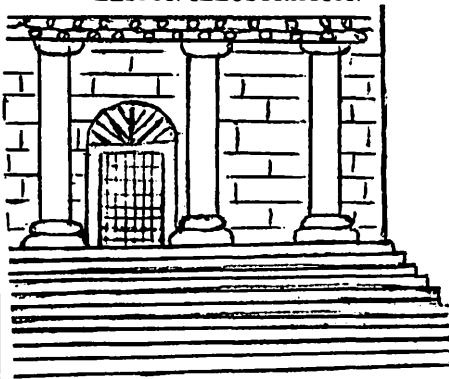
## LEARNING TO PRAY

"It's your turn to say the prayer tonight, Billy, said Daddy, as the family bowed their heads. There was a long pause "I don't want to," said Billy. Father lifted his head in surprise. "Why not?" he asked kindly.

"Because," Billy blurted out, "God doesn't answer prayers anyway. Tommy prayed every night for a bicycle and he got only handkerchiefs for his birthday so that proves it."

"Do you suppose the fact that Tommy's father has been out of work and his sister in the hospital might have had something to do with it?" asked Daddy. "Perhaps it was selfish of Tommy to pray for a bike when his parents need money for food. God does not answer foolish prayers, for he knows what is really best for us. Instead, he wants us to learn to pray wisely. Jesus prayed often and taught his disciples to pray. But he said, 'Not my will, but Thine be done.' In our prayers we must ask to be good and wise, and not pray selfish prayers."

## LESSON ILLUSTRATION



**Jesus Preached to  
the People from  
the temple steps**

When someone is talking bad to you, try to think of something nice to say back to them.

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"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt. 6:33.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Let us walk with Jesus down to the temple. This is Tuesday. There, on the great marble steps of the temple, Jesus talked to the people who had gathered when they saw Him coming. In the group were the chief priests, the scribes, and also the elders. As Jesus preached, He looked at the priests. Oh, He desired to help them see how far from God they really were. He wanted them to realize that they were rejecting Him, whom the God of heaven had sent to save them. He, of course, knew that they did not believe that He was truly the Son of God.

Jesus was a great teacher. He taught in parables. Parables were truths brought out in story form, or truths taken from a true account. Parable really means, "side by side." So it is a truth beside a story. Jesus told the people about a certain man. This was a true story. He planted a vineyard. A vineyard is a large field of grapes. This man went into a far country, and stayed a long time. When the time came that the men were to gather the grapes he sent a servant to get his share of the money or fruit. They sent the servant away empty-handed and with nothing. So the man sent another servant and they beat this one and treated him shamefully and sent him away without anything. The third one was treated in like manner. The "lord of the vineyard," or the man who was the owner, said that surely if he sent his own son, who was the heir, or the one who would own the vineyard at his death, that surely they would treat him right. But how wicked

these men were. They killed the man's son. Jesus stopped talking for a while looked around at the group and then asked a question. "What therefore shall the lord of the vineyard do unto them?" Then pausing a little while longer, he answered His own question. "He shall come and destroy these husbandmen, and shall give the vineyard to others." Now the truth of the story was understood by the scribes and chief priests. They knew that Jesus was talking about how God had sent the prophets to them, whom they had rejected and even killed. (Read Matt. 23:34, 35; 2 Chron. 24:10-21). And now, they knew that Jesus was telling them that He was the Son of God, and that they were going to kill Him. He told them what would happen to them when they did. He reminded them that the prophets had foretold that they would reject the stone, who was Christ. But that same stone would become the head of the corner of the church. They should fall upon the stone, Christ, and be broken up and confess their sins, before that stone fell on them and they were cast into hell or punished. This stirred the chief priests and all the rulers. They continued to try to put him to death but they feared the people who believed in Him. They tried to catch him in his words and spied on him but it was not time for Jesus to die for our sins so they could not touch Him until God let them.

— Aunt Marie

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**Lesson 7, Feb. 15, 1976**

## **THE REJECTED STONE**

**Luke 20:1, 9-21, 23, 26**

Luke 20:1 And it came to pass, that on one of those days, as he taught the people in the temple, and preached the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes came upon him with the elders.

9 Then began he to speak to the people this parable: A certain man planted

a vineyard, and let it forth to husbandmen, and went into a far country for a long time.

10 And at the season he sent a servant to the husbandmen, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent him away empty.

11 And again he sent another servant: and they beat him also, and entreated him shamefully, and sent him away empty.

12 And again he sent a third: and they wounded him also, and cast him out.

13 Then said the lord of the vineyard, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son: it may be they will reverence him when they see him.

14 But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir: come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.

15 So they cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What therefore shall the Lord of the vineyard do unto them?

16 He shall come and destroy these husbandmen, and shall give the vineyard to others. And when they heard it, they said, God forbid.

17 And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner?

18 Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

19 And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them.

20 And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his

words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor.

21 And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly:

23 But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me?

26 And they could not take hold of his words before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace.

Memory Verse: Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. Luke 20:18.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. What was the parable in our lesson about?
2. What happened to the servants the man sent to the vineyard for his share of the fruit?
3. Whom did the lord of the vineyard decide to send at last?
4. Was the son received with respect?
5. Why did they want to kill the son?
6. What did they do to the lord's son?
7. What shall the lord do to those who killed his son?
8. Did the chief priests and scribes understand that Jesus was talking about how they would treat him?
9. Who was the stone the builders rejected?
10. What will happen to those who fall upon that stone?
11. What will happen to those the stone falls upon?
12. What did the chief priests and scribes do to try to trap Jesus?
13. Did Jesus know they were trying to trap Him? Read the verse that tells you so.
14. Were they able to trap Jesus?

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## Jennie Browning

The light of a beautiful Sunday was fast fading, and the last golden gleams fell softly upon the form of a light-haired girl who sat by a cottage window, her head leaning upon her hand as if in deep thought.

The sun had departed like a grand old monarch, leaving behind him a glory of purple and gold more beautiful than his own full splendor. Yet the little girl saw nothing of all this beauty. She was thinking of the story in the Sunday School paper she had been reading,— the story of a child's life; and she wondered if all that happened in the story could be really true.

Jennie was pondering in her troubled brain a question which the reading of the book had brought. What could it be? Evidently it was not to be answered easily, for her face only grew more clouded, until at last she resolved to ask the help of some wiser mind.

Fortunately, Jennie knew that she had but to make her perplexities known to her mother and they would all be explained in the clearest way; so, seating herself in her rocking chair by her mother's side, she said:—

"Mamma, I want you to tell me something."

"Well, dear, what is it?"

"I've just finished my Sunday School paper, you know, and it's just perfectly lovely; all about the sweetest little girl; only she was always doing so many kind things for everybody, and I've been trying to think what's the reason little girls in books always have so many chances for doing good, and little girls like me, who are out of books, don't have any at all."

"Not any at all?" questioned the dear mother. "Is that really so?"

"Well, no, not quite, I suppose," said Jennie, "but then they are just nothing but the tiniest little bits of things. There's never anything big and splendid for real little girls like me to do."

"Now, Susy Chrystie, in the story, took her little sister May out for a walk, and just while they were crossing a bridge, May pulled her hand away from Susy's and tried to walk on the edge, just as close as she could; but in about one second her foot slipped, and she would have fallen off into the water if her sister had not jumped right to her, and caught hold of her dress, and pulled her back all safe."

"Now just think, mamma," said Jennie, her blue eyes opening widely as she spoke, "Susy Chrystie saved her little sister's life. Wasn't that a splendid, big something to do?"

"Yes, my dear, that was a brave thing for a little girl to do, for even an older person might have been too frightened by seeing the danger May was in, to act quickly, but if my little Jennie will always try to keep quiet and still, and never scream when any sudden fright comes to her, she too may be able to think of the best way in which to help herself or others."

"But, mamma, you know that nothing ever does happen to me; and besides, I haven't any little sister or brother."

"Never mind, my child, if you will do carefully everything you do understand, and obey cheerfully even when you cannot see why you should, you will please your heavenly Father and give me comfort and pleasure, and perhaps some day you may have a chance to do something brave."

Jennie's face grew brighter, as it always did when she had confided her griefs to mamma, and for many days she watched and waited anxiously, thinking that any time something might happen.

And so it did, for one day a letter came from Jennie's aunt, Mrs. Graham, saying she would come and spend a few days with her sister, and bring with her little Willie, a boy about two years old.

Of course they were very welcome, and Jennie greatly enjoyed playing with her cousin. He was a charming fellow, but very fond of having his own way, and one of his great enjoyments was to plunge two chubby hands into Jennie's thick, light hair, and pull it with all his might.

Of course this was a short lived pleasure when any older person saw him, but when they were alone, Jennie would endure the pain patiently until she could coax the little fellow to let go.

She never gave him a cross word, and when the nurse would say impatiently, "indeed, thin, Miss Jennie, it's a wonder ye don't just shlap his hands!" she would answer gravely, "Oh, no, he's so much littler than I am."

Yet Jennie was not perfect, and though she generally tried to do what was right, sometimes, like the rest of the world, she wanted to do what she knew was wrong.

One bright afternoon, when she was playing in the yard, her mother called her—

"Your aunt and I must ride to the station directly, to meet uncle and your father, and I would like to have you go quietly into the nursery and sit there until Maggie returns from an errand; it will not be long."

"But Willie is sound asleep, mamma, he doesn't want me," said Jennie, who was anxious to stay out of doors.

"Yes, dear, I know it, but we shall feel safer to have someone in the room, even if he is asleep; something may happen if he is alone."

Jennie, however, was so unwilling to sit quietly in the house that even these familiar words did not attract her, but with slow steps and a sullen face, she obeyed her mother's wishes.

She knew quite well how slight a thing she had been asked to do, and although at another time she would not have objected, just now, when she wanted to do something else, it seemed very hard to give up her own will.

Her conscience was so disagreeable, too, for it would keep saying all the time, "I am ashamed of you, Jennie Browning! Can't you do this for your kind mama, even if you would rather do something else?"

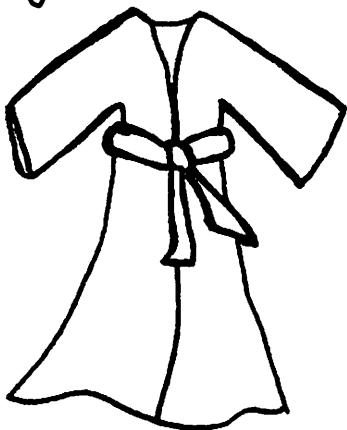
How tiresome it all was, and how she wished she could "just do as she liked!"

(To be continued)

Boys and girls, ask Jesus to help you to say nice things. If you visit someone and you talk naughty to your mother or daddy, those who you visit will always remember those naughty words.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Salvation  
is our wedding  
garment



Dear Boys and Girls:

As you study your lesson today, we again want to think about being there on the huge, beautiful temple steps and listening to the words of Jesus. We look around at the crowd and see the scribes, Pharisees and rulers. They are dressed in their rich-looking clothes and have an important air about them. If you look closely you can see the hatred for Jesus in their eyes as they listen to Him talk.

Today Jesus tells them a parable. A certain king is turning over his kingdom to his son. He calls it a wedding. The people and his son will be united together. He will be their ruler and they will be his subjects. The king made a big marriage feast. He sent out the servants to tell

the guests to come, as the meat had been cooked and the dinner was all ready. But what did those who were asked to come say? Why, they just made fun of the dinner, son, and the king. One man even turned and walked away to his farm. And one merchant just laughed at the servants for even asking him, then went about selling his goods. A few who stood around kept refusing the earnest invitation from the servants, treating them spitefully and finally killing them. Isn't that terrible? Now boys and girls, let us think about why Jesus is telling the first part of this parable and who He is talking about. If you read closely, you will know that He meant those self-righteous rulers and the Jews that were standing there listening, and if you were there, you could see the anger rise up in their faces. The king in the parable is God. The Son is Jesus and those who are bidden are the Jewish nation, to whom Jesus came to bring salvation. The servants who went out to bid them are the prophets and the disciples. Many of the prophets were killed, and the king was wroth because they had acted wickedly and sent his armies and destroyed the city. In later years, after Jesus had gone back to heaven, the city of Jerusalem was destroyed by an army. So, boys and girls, if you had been there you would have seen the hate in the eyes of the proud Jews as they listened.

Jesus goes on and tells the rest of the story. He said the King, or God, sent out more servants to ask people to come to the marriage feast. So they went out and brought in the bad and good to the wedding, so it would be furnished with guests. Salvation is for everyone. Each was to put on the wedding garment. Now the wedding garment is salvation. The Bible says that the saints are to be "arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints." Rev. 19:8. So

when the king came to meet the guests he saw a man without the wedding garment. When he was asked about it, he was speechless. Just so it will be when God sends Jesus as our Judge at the end of the world. Those who do not have on the wedding garment (or do not have salvation), will be speechless and will be cast into "outer darkness." We do want to be ready in that day, don't we?

— Aunt Marie

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**Lesson 8, Feb. 22, 1976**

## **THE MARRIAGE FEAST**

**Matt. 22:1-14**

Matt. 22:1 And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said,

2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,

3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.

4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.

5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:

6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.

7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.

9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.

10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment.

12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

Memory Verse: But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Mark 12:32

### **QUESTIONS:**

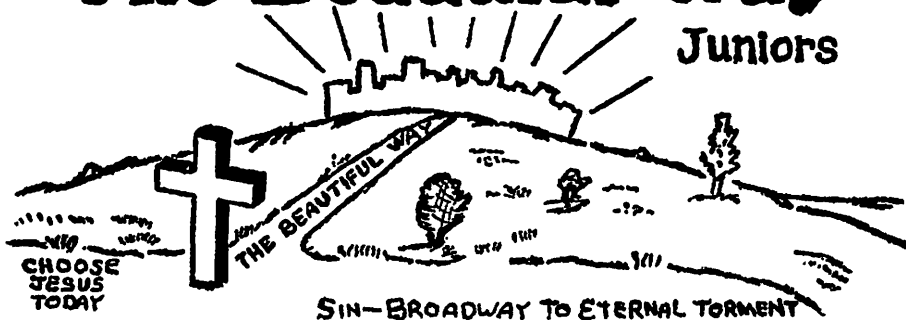
1. Do you remember what a parable is?
2. What is this parable about?
3. Did the guests that were called come to the wedding?
4. Tell some of the possessions that kept the guests from coming.
5. What did the rest do to the king's servants?
6. Tell what the angry king did to that city.
7. Where did the servants then go to find guests for the wedding?
8. What kind of clothing were the guests to have on?
9. What happened to the guest without a wedding garment?

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Feb. 29

## Jennie Browning

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Thoughts like these were filling her mind as she stood looking out of the nursery window, but all at once she was aroused by the strong smell of burning woolen.

Turning quickly, the child grew almost rigid with fear as she saw, just in front of her, a small flame burst out from the rug before the fire, and not far from the crib where Willie lay sleeping. In an instant, however, the thought "What shall I do?" was followed by the remembrance of what her mother had often said, "If in any way your dress should ever take fire, you must try to smother it at once; never run away, but throw yourself down, or wrap yourself in anything to be found."

Remembering this, she hastily caught up the other end of the rug, which was large and heavy, and threw it over the flame. This quite extinguished it, for it had only just started into life when Jennie saw it, but in her zeal she tore off the bedspread and blankets, crowning all with two large pillows upon which she seated herself, for by this time the child was so confused that she hardly knew whether it

was the rug or her own dress which had taken fire.

Now she wanted to see somebody, and, not daring to move, she began to scream. This awakened Willie, who added his voice to the uproar, and soon brought the bewildered nurse to the rescue.

In less than an hour the carriage returned, and Jennie was kissed and received more praise than she had ever received before, and was happier than she had ever been in her life. The aunt and uncle saw quickly what had happened, and trembled to think what might have been.

That night as Mrs. Graham bent to give Jennie her goodnight kiss, she whispered, "May God bless you, my thoughtful little niece, for you have saved your cousin's life today!"

"Why, did I really?" thought Jennie. "How glad, how glad I am, for if I hadn't been there the fire would have caught the crib, and oh, that would have been awful!"

Then, as memory brought the scene more clearly before her, and she recollected how that her conscience had fairly pushed her into the room, her little face grew red with shame, and she softly said, "I will never fight with conscience again, for if I had had my own way, I could never have saved poor Willie's life." — Sel.

## Father Never Prays

Mr. L—— is a wealthy man, and with his wife and young family, resides in one of our great cities. Mrs. L—— a few years since, became the subject of divine grace, and is a humble and devoted follower of her Saviour.

For a long time her husband's heart remained untouched. Morning and evening the pious mother gathered her little household about her, and the incense acceptable to God, the sacrifice of Christian hearts at the family altar, went up daily to his mercy seat. But the husband and father of this family was never one of this happy group. Like the man in the parable, when bidden, he would not come.

How many Christian mothers among us every day assemble their loved ones about the family altar to seek for the divine blessing and to give thanks, when he who should be the head of the family, even as Christ is the head of the church, turns his back upon these sacred duties.

One morning when Mrs. L—— was gathering her little flock about for prayers, Willie, the youngest, a boy of about three years old, steadily resisted the call and started to go downstairs with a very manly strut. "Come to prayers, Willie, dear," said the mother gently. "No, ma'am, I don't want to say my prayers. I am a gentleman. Gentlemen never say their prayers. I am going to be a gentleman, and so I am not going to say my prayers any more."

"But gentlemen do say their prayers, Willie," said the mother. "They pray to God to take care of them, and I want my Willie to be a good boy, that God may love him. You cannot be a good boy if you don't pray."

"Father never prays," answered the little fellow. "Father is good, and father never prays."

"Oh, little Willie, don't say so," said the tearful mother. "You do not know

about that. Father does not meet with us night and morning, but I trust he prays."

The little boy yielded, and the thoughtful mother pondered the saying in her heart, "Father never prays."

That evening, after the little ones had laid them down to sleep, and prayed to the Lord, Mr. L—— and his wife sat quietly together, and the gentle wife told her husband the story of little Willie, and his argument, "Father never prays."

The strong man bowed his head, while tears dropped upon his book. "A little child shall lead them." The father was conquered. He acknowledged his sinful example, and the two knelt down together and offered up their first united sacrifice of praise and prayer. From that time Mr. L—— was never absent from the family altar. However pressed with business, he made time to serve God. It is now a most happy, pious family. We pray that God's blessing may ever rest upon them.

May it never be said of any husband and father who reads this true account, "Father never prays." Children are great observers, and ponder things in their little hearts. What a fearful responsibility for a father to bring up a young family, with no love or fear of God in his own heart! Rather, let all unite in God's service, knowing that their prayers and their labors are not in vain in the Lord. — "Sketches From Life," 1871

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## Perfection in Trifles

A friend once saw Michelangelo at work on one of his statues. Some time later he saw him again working on the same statue, and said upon seeing so little seemingly accomplished, "Have you been idle since I saw you last?"

"By no means," replied the sculptor. "I have retouched this part and

polished that; I have softened this feature and brought out the muscle; I have given more expression to this lip and more energy to this limb."

"Yes, but all these are such trifles," answered his friend.

"It may be so," said Michelangelo, "but recollect that trifles make perfection, and that perfection is not a trifle."

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION



The Great  
Commandments

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Jesus is still teaching on Tuesday, before His death on Friday. He is surrounded at the temple steps by the two religious sects of that day. Today we have many beliefs and many church buildings. In Jesus' day there were many beliefs. The Sadducees didn't believe in a resurrection. The Pharisees did, but they did not obey the law. Both were wrong. They hated Jesus because many were believing on Him. They wanted to catch Him on something, so that they could bring Him up before the chief priests and have Him condemned to death.

In the old Bible, in one of the five books of Moses (Deut. 25:5), it says for a man to marry his brother's wife, after his brother has died and if they didn't have any children, so that his brother could have an heir, or a child to carry on his name and receive his inheritance. The Sadducees stretched it out to seven brothers having married this same woman and then asked the question as to whose wife she would be in the resurrection. (The resurrection is at the end of the world, when everybody in the grave will come forth and all will stand before God in judgment. Those who are good will go to heaven with the Lord and those who are evil will go to hell with the devil.) Now Jesus told them that they did not even believe all that the five books of Moses said. If they had read it and believed it they would have known that God had said in Ex. 3:6, that He was the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. These men had died, yet they were alive in paradise, the place of departed souls who are awaiting the judgment. Jesus said that God was the God of the living. Jesus told them that in heaven there will be no marrying because we will be as angels. Remember, He did not say we would be angels, but like angels. Heaven will be perfect and we will not want or need one thing over there. People try to fit this world into heaven. It will be so different and so much more grand, that there is no need to try to compare this place with heaven.

The multitudes were astonished and surprised at His doctrine. A lawyer, who was a Pharisee, thought he would trick Jesus. But Jesus was too wise. The lawyer wanted Jesus to say which was the greatest of all the commandments. That would be like asking which star was the greatest of those that twinkle in the midnight sky. There are a lot of commandments in the Old Bible, but Jesus knew the answer. The smartest men were not able to trip Jesus up in His own words.

Jesus said that the first and great commandment was to love the Lord thy God with all your heart, soul, mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself. God's love is the supreme thing we need. — Aunt Marie

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## Lesson 9, Feb. 29, 1976

### JESUS ANSWERS QUESTIONS

#### Matt. 22:23-25a, 27-33, 35-40

Matt. 22:23 The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him,

24 Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.

25a Now there were with us seven brethren: (Each brother married her and left no children)

27 And last of all the woman died also.

28 Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.

29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

31 But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,

32 I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

33 And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine.

35 Then one of them, (Pharisee) which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, saying,

36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Memory Verse: Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. Matt. 22:37.

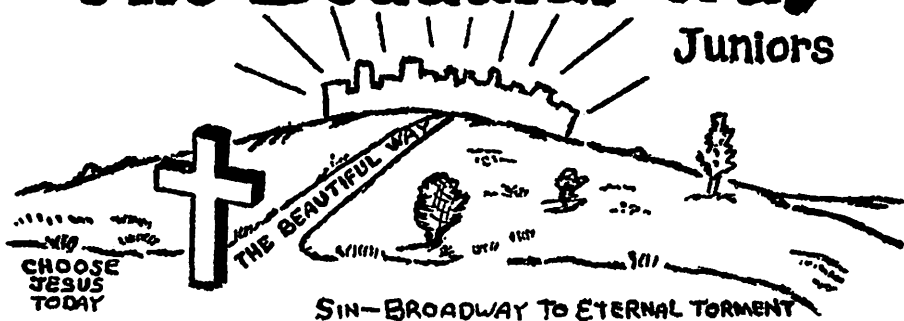
#### QUESTIONS:

1. Did the Sadducees believe in a resurrection?
2. Do you know what the resurrection is?
3. What was the teaching in the old Testament about a brother taking his dead brother's wife?
4. What was the question the Sadducees asked Jesus about the resurrection?
5. Do you know why they were asking Him this?
6. Will there be marrying and giving in marriage in heaven?
7. What will we be like in heaven?
8. Is God the God of the dead?
9. Read the verse that tells you the answer to the above question.
10. What was the question the lawyer asked Jesus?
11. What is the greatest commandment in the Bible?
12. What is the second greatest commandment?
13. If we keep these commandments, will we be keeping all the commandments?
14. Was Jesus trapped by these questions?
15. Do you think Jesus was wiser than men?

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Part Ten

March 7

## Company Manners

"Well," said Bessie, very emphatically, "I think Russel Morton is the best boy there is, anyhow."

"Why so, pet?" I asked, settling myself in the midst of the busy group gathered around in the firelight.

"I can tell," interrupted Wilfred, "Bessie likes Russ because he is so polite."

"I don't care, you may laugh," said frank little Bess. "That is the reason—at least, one of them. He's nice. He does not stamp and hoot in the house, and he never says, 'Halloo Bess,' or laughs when I fall on the ice."

"Bessie wants company manners all of the time," said Wilfred. And Bell added: "We should all act grown up, if we wanted to suit her."

Dauntless Bessie made haste to retort. "Well, if growing up would make some folks more agreeable, it's a pity we can't hurry about it."

"Wilfred, what are company manners?" I questioned from the depths of my easy chair.

"Why—why—they're — it's behaving, you know, when folks are here, or we go a visiting."

"Company manners are good manners," said Horace.

"Oh, yes," answered I, meditating on it. "I see—manners that are too good—for our mamma—but just right for Mrs. Jones."

"That's it," cried Bess.

"But let us talk it over a bit. Seriously, why should you be more polite to Mrs. Jones than to mamma? Do you love her better?"

"Oh my! no indeed," chorused the voices.

"Well, then, I don't see why Mrs. Jones should have all that's agreeable. Why should the hats come off and the tones soften, and 'please,' and 'thank you,' and 'excuse me,' be all for Mrs. Jones and not for mamma?"

"Oh! That's very different."

"And mamma knows we mean all right. Besides, you are not fair, cousin. We were all talking about boys and girls—not grown up people."

Thus my little audience assailed me, and I was forced to a change of base.

"Well, about boys and girls, then. Can not a boy be just as happy, if, like our friend Russel, he is gentle to the little girls, doesn't pitch his little brother in the snow, and respects the rights of

his cousins and intimate friends? It seems to me that politeness is just as suitable to the playground as the parlor."

"Oh, of course, if you'd have a fellow give up all fun," said Wilfred.

"My dear boy," said I, "that isn't what I want. Run, and jump, and shout as much as you please. Skate, and slide, and snowball, but do it with politeness to other boys and girls, and I'll agree you shall find just as much fun in it.

"You sometimes say I pet Burke Holland more than any of my child-friends. Can I help it? For though he is lively and sometimes frolicsome, his manners are always good. You never see him with his chair tipped up, or his hat on in the house. He never pushes ahead of you to get first out of the room. If you are going out, he holds open the door. It is Burke who brings a glass of water when I am weary, places a chair, hands a fan, springs to pick up the handkerchief,—and all this without being told to do so, or interfering with his own gayety in the least.

"This attention isn't only given to me as the guest, or to Mrs. Jones when he visits her, but to mamma, Aunt Jenny, and little sister, just as carefully; at home, in school, or at play, there is always just so much guard against rudeness.

"His courtesy is not merely for state occasions, but it is like a well-fitting garment worn constantly. His manliness is genuine loving kindness. In fact, that is exactly what real politeness is. It is carefulness for others, and watchfulness over ourselves, lest our angles shall interfere with their comfort."

It is impossible for boys and girls to realize, until they have grown too old, how important it is to guard against contracting careless and awkward habits of speech and manners. Some very unwisely think it is not necessary to be so very particular about these things except when company is present. But this is a

grave mistake, for coarseness will betray itself in spite of the most watchful care.

It is impossible to indulge in one form of speech, or have one set of manners at home, and another abroad, because in moments of confusion or bashfulness, the everyday mode of expression will uncover itself.

It is not, however, merely because refinements of speech and grace of manners are pleasing to the sense, that our young friends are recommended to cultivate and practice them. Outward refinement of any kind reacts as it were on the character and makes it more sweet and gentle and lovable, and these are qualities that attract and draw about the possessor a host of kind friends.

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### THE DEVIL

"Where did the devil come from?" Sis. Brown asked her Sunday School class.

"God made him," Dale quickly said.

"How could God, who is so good, make the devil?" asked Susie.

"God made everything—the Bible said so," said Bill as he turned around and looked at Susie.

"Rodney told me at school the other day that the devil got kicked out of heaven," Mark added.

"I wouldn't want to go to heaven if I thought the devil was ever there," Mary said very firmly.

"Just a minute, boys and girls," said Sis. Brown, as she raised her hand. Let us take one idea at a time. I wanted to ask this question because I wanted you to know the truth about the devil. Let me turn to John 8:44, and let us hear what Jesus said about the devil. That will settle every question. He said that the devil 'was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him.' Now we read in Genesis

1:1, 'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.' So the devil was from the beginning, but God did not create the devil. He was in the beginning as God was in the beginning. Later, he came to the Garden of Eden and tempted Adam and Eve and got them to do wrong. The devil was never in heaven nor ever will be. Sin has never been there and never will be there. God is holy and all is holy that is there. The devil has always been just the same as God has always been.

— Sis. M. Miles

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Tell Daddy that you love him. Maybe you can write a note and put it where he will find it. He will be happy about what you wrote.

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

The temple was a beautiful building. It covered an area of about four blocks. There were huge pillars of stone on the porches of the building. These were made of white marble. Some places on the building were covered with gold. It glistened in the sun and was the pride of the

Jews and the people of Jerusalem and Judea. It was one of the most beautiful buildings of the ancient world and would be a wonder in this day. As Jesus was leaving the temple, on Tuesday, before His death on the following Friday, His disciples called His attention to the beauty of the temple. That's what they were thinking about, but Jesus looked at those stones which were 50 ft. long, 24 ft. broad and 16 ft. thick, and He thought of what would come to pass in the future. Because the Jews had rejected Him, that building would be destroyed. Not one stone would be left upon another. We read in history that about 47 years later this came to pass. Boys and girls, we must believe the word today.

Jesus left the temple for the last time and went out on the mount of Olives. He talked to His disciples there. As He looked at the sky and the earth around Him, He said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Jesus speaks and it stands forever. It has been almost two thousand years since Jesus spoke the words written in the four Gospels, but they are still in print today. They are just as true today as they were when He spoke them. Look at the stars and remember that Jesus' words will last longer than they will. When this old world is on fire, we know Jesus' words will stand. If we are obeying His words we will be a sheep. If we are not obeying His words we are a goat. I want to be a sheep, don't you? When Jesus comes to judge the world we will be judged by what is written in the Bible. That is the reason you must know what Jesus has told us to do and then do it. We will then hear those words, "Come, thou blessed," and be with me forever. We do not want to be like they were in Noah's day. They made fun of Noah and did not believe His words. How awful! When the door of the ark was shut they pounded on it and wanted in, but it was too late. The mountains were so soaked

with water that they crumpled and fell upon the people. They were all drowned. It was an awful time. Next time the world will be destroyed by fire. I want to keep ready to meet my Lord, who will take me to heaven, don't you? — Aunt Marie

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## Lesson 10, March 7, 1976

### THE JUDGMENT WILL COME

**Matt. 24:1-3a, 35-39; Matt. 25: 31-34, 41**

Matt. 24:1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to show him the building of the temple.

2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

3 . . . he sat upon the mount of Olives.

35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, unto the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matt. 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them

one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Memory Verse: I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom: 2 Tim. 4:1.

### QUESTIONS:

1. What did the disciples want to show Jesus?
2. What did Jesus say should happen to the stones of the temple?
3. What will never pass away?
4. Will anyone know the day, or hour when Jesus will come?
5. Jesus said He would come again when the days were like the days of ---.
6. What were the people doing before the flood came?
7. Did they know when the flood was going to come?
8. Did He say it would be just that unexpected when He comes again?
9. Who will come with Jesus when He comes to judge the world?
10. How will Jesus separate the people?
11. Who will be on His right hand?
12. What will the righteous inherit?
13. Who will be on the left hand?
14. What will happen to them?
15. What is more solid than the earth and sky?

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## You Read, I'm Too Wicked

Because he attended meetings where the Bible and churches were ridiculed, and by reading skeptical authors, Mr. ——— became a confirmed infidel. In his rage one day, while speaking against the followers of Jesus, he seized the Bible from the stand, cast it into the fire, and watched it until it was consumed. His wife and child stood amazed, fearing to speak a word. He continued in this mad career, spending his Sundays among scoffers and blasphemers, forbidding both his wife and child to hear the word of God.

Months passed away in this wretchedness, when, being alone with her mother one day, little Mary asked, "Mother, can't I go to Sunday school?" "I should be willing," said her mother, "but you know your father will whip you if you go." "Can't I go in the afternoons, when father is away at his meeting?" "Perhaps you might, but you know how your father does hate religion." Mary hesitated and then said, "If you will let me go, I won't mind being whipped. May I go next Sunday?" "You may, but take care how you speak of it to your father." "Oh, I'm so glad," said the dear child, and her face lit up

with cheerful smiles as she imprinted a kiss on her mother's cheek.

The next Sunday, Mary went for the first time to the school. She was delighted. The singing charmed her, the voice of prayer solemnized her, and the pious talk of a devoted teacher won her heart. That to her was a high day, and a holy day. She became a faithful, diligent scholar. Her interest grew deeper in the truths of the Bible, while her affection for her teacher was most tender.

It was not long before her teacher presented her with a small Bible as a birthday gift. She was delighted, but what could she do with it? Where could she conceal it? Would it be burned like her mother's? Many anxious thoughts passed through her mind. Well she knew if it were placed on the book-shelf it would be destroyed. She concluded to hide it beneath her pillow. So between the bed and mattress she deposited her sacred treasure. Many were the happy hours she spent alone reading its most precious pages.

About two years after she began attending the school, one afternoon her father came home earlier than usual. Having to go upstairs for something, on reaching Mary's room he heard her voice in earn-

est prayer: "O God, have mercy on my dear father. Show him his sins. Let him feel his need of Jesus Christ. May he seek thy mercy, and find peace through believing in Jesus" He stood powerless, almost paralyzed. Quietly he turned and came down stairs, and was overcome with a sense of his great guiltiness before God. The hand of God had touched him. The light of heaven had beamed upon his dark, polluted soul. He sank down on a chair, and said to his wife, "I feel very strange." His wife looking at him, anxiously said, "You don't look well; what's the matter? Shall I send for a doctor?" "No, I'm not sick, but I feel an awful depression on my heart. Isn't there a Bible in the house?" He sighed heavily, when Mary spoke, "Father, I know where there is one. Shall I fetch it?" "Yes, child, do." Quickly she was in her room, and brought the precious book and handed it to her father. He gave it to his wife, saying, "You read. I'm too wicked." Opening the book in the middle, her eye fell on the fifty-first Psalm, which she read slowly and distinctly. "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness," never fell on ears more ready to receive them than was this poor, trembling sinner.

When the psalm was finished, he said, "Can't you pray for me?" Blushing at such an unexpected request, she said, "No I cannot. I have not prayed since I was a little girl." The dear child, seeing her father's distress, said, "Father, shall I pray?" "Yes, child, if you can." She kneeled down, her father and mother both fell on their knees, and she poured out a fervent prayer for mercy and salvation for these two parents. God was in that room. Jesus was there to bless. The Holy Spirit was there to enlighten and to save. That father's heart was melted. So was his wife's. Both wept together for their sins.

Mary's face beamed with holy joy that her prayers were answered. Many times she had sought the Lord alone, and prayed for her father's conversion. That day salvation came to that house. While partaking of their evening meal, he said, "I would like to go somewhere to church, tonight." The wife answered, "I don't know hardly where to go, but I'll go with you." Mary said, "Won't you go and hear Mr. B——?" They consented. She led them to that sanctuary where her dear Sunday school was. The gospel of Jesus was seriously and solemnly proclaimed, and the word reached the heart of this man. He went home to pray. He sought and obtained mercy. His wife became a Christian. Mary is now a devoted Sunday school teacher, endeavoring to lead other children to Christ. The infidel is a zealous Christian, and has written books defending the faith he once sought to destroy. Who can overestimate the influence of a pious child? Verily "He leadeth the blind by a way they knew not, and in paths they have not known." — Sel.

#### THE LORD'S TOMATO PLANT

"Oh, if I just had one tomato plant, I would be so glad," Sis. Sylvia said to her husband. They lived in a very small apartment behind the chapel. They had only a very small yard and had only one bedroom but they and their four children were glad to sacrifice so they could do something for the Lord. They knew that preachers must be willing to do without many things for the cause of Christ. The Lord blessed them in their souls and they thanked God for all that He did for them.

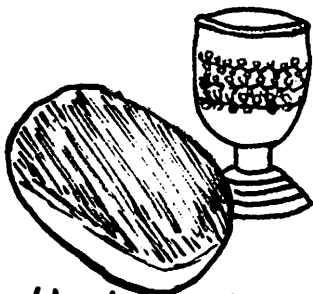
One day Sis. Sylvia was sweeping off her porch when she saw something. Right in the corner, in a small space close to the porch was a tomato plant growing. She trained it up and took good care of it and had a lot of nice tomatoes off of that one plant. She called it the Lord's tomato

plant. The next year she planted another vine in that place but it never did as good as the Lord's tomato plant. She was so happy that the Lord had given her the desire of her heart.

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#### LESSON ILLUSTRATION

**Jesus took bread  
and blessed it**



**He took the cup  
and gave thanks**

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Dear Boys and Girls:

The Passover Supper was kept by the Jews, in memory of when the Israelites were in Egypt. God told them to kill a lamb that was without blemish, and eat it at the time that the death angel passed over them. The Egyptians, who would not let the Israelites go but wanted to keep them for slaves, did not eat the Passover Supper. So each eldest child in their home was killed. The Egyptians finally let the Israelites go. Exodus 12:1-20. The lamb that was eaten was a type of Jesus, who died on the cross for our sins. He was the Lamb of God and was without blemish or one sin. So on this Thursday, before Jesus died on the cross on Friday, He sent His disciples into the

city to find a place for them to eat the Passover Supper. Now Jesus knew all things, so He knew that the disciples would meet a man at a certain time and that he would let them use his upper room for the meal. This was to be Jesus' last meal with His disciples.

We want to understand that the Jews counted their days different than we do. Our day begins at midnight but their day began at three o'clock, the Clarke's Commentary tells us. So at exactly three o'clock Friday, Jesus sat down in the upper room with his disciples. All twelve of them were there, including the traitor, Judas, who had told the rulers, on Wednesday, that he would deliver Jesus to them for 30 pieces of silver.

At the Passover supper, Jesus made another supper for all Christians to keep. This was different from the Passover Supper. It is called the Lord's Supper. Jesus took up a loaf of bread that did not have any yeast or anything in it to make it rise. This is called unleavened bread. The loaf was to remind them and us, that even though there are many members in our body, there is just one body. So there are many members or children of God in the Church of God, yet it is one church, or one body. We are all together in unity of spirit. He looked up and thanked God for the loaf and then broke it and gave it to each one. Jesus then took the cup. It had in it the "fruit of the vine," or the juice of grapes. He blessed it and gave it to each one. Today we keep this Lord's supper in memory of Jesus dying for our sins. The cup of grape juice stands for Jesus' blood which was shed for us. The bread stands for Jesus' body that was broken for our salvation. This supper is a love feast or a memorial. It's something to help us to always remember about Jesus' death and great love for us, by taking our punishment for sins. Oh, we love Him so much, don't we?

— Aunt Marie

## Lesson 11, March 14, 1976

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### Mark 14:12-26

Mark 14:12 And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover?

13 And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him.

14 And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the goodman of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?

15 And he will shew you a large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us.

16 And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

17 And in the evening he cometh with the twelve.

18 And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eatest with me shall betray me.

19 And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, Is it I? and another said, Is it I?

20 And he answered and said unto them, It is one of the twelve, that dippeth with me in the dish.

21 The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born.

22 And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave

to them, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

23 And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it.

24 And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.

25 Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

26 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

Memory Verse: Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12.

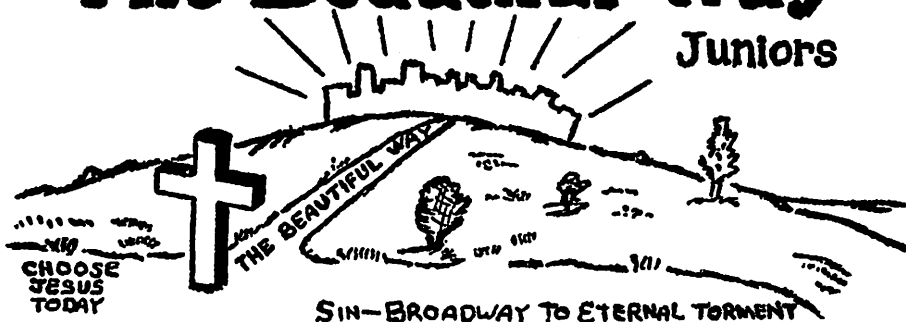
#### QUESTIONS:

1. What was the Passover supper?
2. Where, or how did Jesus find a place to have the Passover supper with His disciples?
3. Did the disciples find things as Jesus had told them?
4. How many disciples were at the supper with Jesus?
5. What did Jesus tell the disciples at supper, and did it make them sad?
6. Did Jesus tell them who would betray Him?
7. What did He say about the man who would betray Him?
8. What did the bread that Jesus blessed stand for?
9. What did the cup stand for?
10. Would Jesus drink any more of the fruit of the vine?
11. What did they do before they went out to the mount of Olives?
12. In whom is salvation?
13. What name is given that men might be saved?
14. What is this last supper called?

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## It's More to Me How He Lived

Charles Baker was fifteen years older than his only brother Edwin, who seemed to him more like a son than a brother. Charles, during his childhood knew no mother's care, but in his fourteenth year his father married again, and Charles welcomed to his heart a baby brother, and was permitted to name the darling Edwin.

The father of these boys was not a Christian, though his strictly moral life had led the pious woman whom he had married to think him one. When she discovered her mistake she was greatly disappointed and grieved. Her regrets were increased when she perceived that he made morality his idol, and that he had trained his only son to his own views. She hoped at first to induce them to change their opinions, but soon found that all her attempts would be firmly and persistently repelled. When her little Edwin was born she commended him in faith and prayer to God, and her fond hope was, that through him she might be able to reach the hearts of his father and brother. She trained him in the knowledge and ways of the Lord, storing his memory

with hymns and scriptures, and constantly seeking the divine benediction upon her efforts.

Mr. Baker and his eldest son, in the pursuit of their business, were most of the time absent from home, but their return was always greeted with joy by little Edwin, who delighted to climb upon their knees and repeat the pretty verses and beautiful Bible stories which his mother had taught him. Neither father nor brother could or wished to repulse him, his affectionate and winning ways taking their hearts by storm. Fondly the mother saw and hoped, yet she was not permitted to witness the consummation of her wishes.

When Edwin was ten years old and his brother twenty-five, an epidemic carried to the grave in one day both father and mother. Charles was overwhelmed by the blow, yet his first consolation came from the little one for whose sake his regrets has been keenest. As he was pressing the child to his heart in the anguish of their sore bereavement, Edwin gently whispered, "Don't cry, Charlie. I know a beautiful verse which I think was written on purpose for us: 'When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.' Isn't that good, Charlie dear?" The weeping young man did not

answer, but he folded the darling boy closer to his breast and was comforted.

Years passed on. Edwin never forgot his mother and his mother's God. Through her prayers he seemed to have been sanctified from his cradle, and his life was a daily picture of constant yet unobtrusive piety, for "even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure and whether it be right." Charles almost idolized the young brother so worthy of his love, yet was strangely blind to the secret of his rare worth. He saw that his mind was one of no common order, and resolved to bestow upon him an ample and liberal education. For this purpose he pursued his calling with untiring diligence, their father not having left sufficient means to carry out such a plan without his utmost efforts. Love for Edwin made every burden light, and he pictured to himself a brilliant future when he should see his young charge an orator or statesman, at the bar or in the senate-chamber.

The first check to his ambition was when the dear boy, in his fifteenth year, publicly presented himself to profess his hope and purpose to be the Lord's.

Charles still held his father's views of the sufficiency of worldly morality, and he felt that with these his brother's profession of the gospel wholly conflicted. Yet he could find no cause for complaint against Edwin, who, aware of his brother's notions, was doubly careful in seeking for divine help, to live consistently with the higher standard which he had taken for the law of his life.

Three years more passed away, and the young Christian, now partly through his college course, announced to his brother his desire and hope to prepare for the gospel ministry. Charles had never anticipated such a calling for his favorite, and his heart rose in stern opposition. Edwin meekly avowed his own convictions of duty, but finding his brother inflexible, felt it right to delay his final decision until

his college studies were ended. Saying kindly but firmly, "Then, Charles, I shall be a man, and the responsibility of deciding what my heavenly Father requires of me will rest upon my own conscience and heart," he patiently bided his time.

Charles could no longer be blind to the reality and the beauty of his brother's piety. He looked at Edwin with keen eyes, for if he could see any glaring faults or inconsistencies, he could found upon these unanswerable arguments against the profession which he wished to follow. Edwin was not perfect, and had mistakes and follies sometimes to mourn over, but they were so humbly confessed and so heartily lamented, that his penitence and humility were so many cumulative proofs of his sincerity.

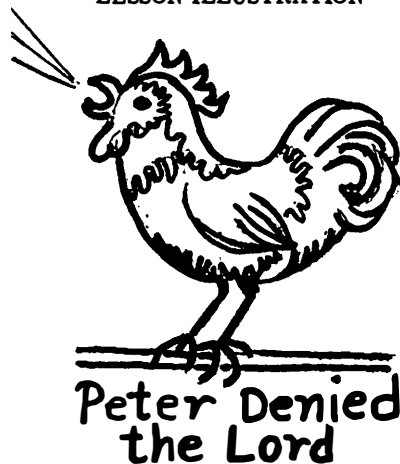
The period now drew nigh when Edwin must decide for himself the weighty question which he trembled to approach. He sought the counsel of Christian friends, but more than all, he asked the aid and guidance of the Spirit of God. His decision was at length reached. He said to his brother with trembling and tears, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel," and though Charles did not consent to his plans, he ceased to oppose them.

But neither he nor his brother foresaw the issue. Edwin never had a strong physical constitution, and the long conflict and suspense in which he was with regard to his future course, made serious aggressions upon his health. Charles was the first to feel alarm, but shut his eyes to the progress of the malady. Death, however, waited not for Edwin's hopes or Charles' fears. With cheerful submission the former bowed to the king of terrors, while Charles felt that with his younger brother's removal from earth every ray of hope would be forever quenched. He had no ears for the song of victory which the dying child of God shouted even amid Jordan's waves. He felt as if his heart was dead. But when he looked upon that

peaceful face beneath the coffin lid, the memory of Edwin's consistent Christian life, the picture of his daily walk with God, rose vividly before him. Stronger witnesses for Jesus were these than even the radiance of the closing scene. With Edwin's piety in his heart, upon his knees beside those marble features, he sought, and there is reason to believe, truly found the Saviour. Thus it was, that when the earth fell upon his brother's coffin, and a friend tried to soothe his grief by bidding him remember how triumphantly Edwin died, Charles earnestly replied in the words at the head of this narrative, "It's more to me how he lived!" — Sel.

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#### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



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Dear Boys and Girls:

Before Jesus left the upper room, after giving the disciples the Lord's Supper, He had prayer with them. We can read that prayer in John 17. This is really the Lord's prayer. Then they sang a song and went out into the night. It was nearly midnight and as they walked along He talked to His disciples. He tried to let

them know what was ahead for Him. He knew, but they did not, that Judas was telling the rulers where He was at that very time. As He talked to His disciples He called them, "little children." He wanted to comfort them. He told them He would be going away and this time they could not go with Him. Peter, who was bold to speak up, assured Jesus that he would go with Him, even if he had to give his life to do so. Jesus told him that before the rooster crowed thrice that night, he would deny Him three times. This no doubt was a great surprise to Peter and all of the disciples. Jesus saw that they were troubled and He said, "Let not your hearts be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." In other words—"Don't be troubled, because I will have to go to the cross and die for then I will have prepared a way for you to be saved so that you can live in those mansions in heaven with me. Love me and keep my commandments while I am gone. After I am gone, I will send you a Comforter. He will comfort you when you are in trouble and will give you power over the devil. He will teach you all things. He will teach you to live for me in this world and how to help other people love me. He will bring to your mind all the promises and all the things that I have told you while I was here with you on the earth. All of you are clean from sin because you have believed my words and obeyed them. You are now ready to receive the Holy Ghost, which is the Comforter that I will send after I die and go back to the Father. If you will abide in me and obey my words, you can ask what you will and I will do it. But now you will be scattered for a while and will not stay by me while I am mistreated and die on the cross, but my Father is with me. I have told you all things that you might have peace. In this world you will have troubles, but be of good cheer. Remember, I overcame and you can overcome also."

So Jesus talked to the disciples on the way to the Garden of Gethsemane and tried to comfort them and prepare them for His death.

— Aunt Marie

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**Lesson 12, March 21, 1976**

**BE NOT TROUBLED**

**John 13:33, 37, 38; John 14:1-3,  
15-17, 26; 15:3, 7; 16:31-33**

John 13:33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you.

37 Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake.

38 Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou has denied me thrice.

14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send

in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

15:3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

16:31 Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe?

32 Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Memory Verse: If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. John 14:14.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. What did Jesus call His disciples?
2. How did He tell them He was going away?
3. What did Peter say he would do?
4. How many times would Peter deny Jesus before the cock crowed?
5. What are there in Father's house?
6. What was Jesus going to prepare for His disciples?
7. Why is He coming again?
8. What are we to do if we love Him?
9. Who is coming to abide with us forever?
10. Can the world receive the Comforter?
11. Name 2 things the Comforter will do.
12. What is the wonderful promise in John 14:15?
13. What did Jesus say would happen to the disciples when His hour came?

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# The Beautiful Way

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## Two Ways of Reading the Bible

Would you like me to read another chapter, Lilian dear?" asked Kate of the invalid cousin whom she had lately come from Hampshire to nurse.

"Not now, thanks; my head is tired," was the reply.

Kate closed her Bible with a feeling of slight disappointment. She knew that Lilian was slowly sinking under incurable disease, and what could be more suitable to the dying than constantly to be hearing the Bible read? Lilian might surely listen, if she were too weak to read for herself.

Kate was never easy in mind unless she perused at least two or three chapters daily, besides a portion of the book of Psalms. She had several times gone through the whole Bible from beginning to end. And here was Lilian, whose days on earth might be few, tired with one short chapter!

"There must be something wrong, here," thought Kate, who had never during her life kept her bed for one day through sickness. "It is a sad thing when the dying do not prize the word of God."

"Lilian," said she, trying to soften her naturally quick, sharp tones to gentleness, "I should think that now, when you are so ill, you would find special comfort in the Scriptures."

Lilian's languid eyes had closed, but she opened them, and fixing her soft, earnest gaze upon her cousin, replied, "I do—they are my support; I have been feeding on one verse all the morning."

"And what is that verse?" asked Kate.

"'Whom I shall see for myself,' " began Lilian slowly; but Kate cut her short—

"I know that verse perfectly—it is in Job; it comes just after 'I know that my Redeemer liveth,' the verse is, 'Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.'" Job 19:27.

"What do you understand by the expression 'not another'?" asked Lilian.

"Really, I have never particularly considered those words," answered Kate. "Have you found any remarkable meaning in them?"

"They were a difficulty to me," replied the invalid, "until I happened to read that in the German Bible they are rendered a little differently; and then I searched in my own Bible, and found that

the word in the margin of it, is like that in the German translation."

"I never look at the marginal references," said Kate, "though mine is a large Bible and has them."

"I find them such a help in comparing Scripture with Scripture," observed Lilian.

Kate was silent for several seconds. She had been careful to read daily a large portion from her Bible, but to "mark, learn, and inwardly digest it," she had never even thought of trying to do. In a more humble tone she now asked her cousin, "What is the word which is put in the margin of the Bible instead of 'another' in that difficult text?"

"A stranger," replied Lilian; and then, clasping her hands, she repeated the whole passage on which her soul had been feeding with silent delight during the day: "Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not a stranger."

"O Kate," continued the dying girl, while unbidden tears rose to her eyes, "if you only knew what sweetness I have found in that verse all this morning while I have been in great bodily pain! I am in the Valley of the Shadow—I shall soon cross the dark river; I know it, but He will be with me, and 'not a stranger.' He is the Good Shepherd, and I know His voice; a stranger I would not follow."

"Oh," continued Lilian, "in the glad resurrection morn, it is the Lord Jesus whom I shall behold—my own Saviour, my own tried friend, and 'not a stranger;' I shall at last see Him whom, not having seen, I have loved."

Lilian closed her eyes again, and the large drops, overflowing, fell down her pallid cheeks. She had spoken too long for her strength, but her words had not been spoken in vain.

"Lilian has drawn more comfort and profit from one verse—nay, from three words in the Bible, than I have drawn from

the whole book," reflected Kate. "I have but read the Scriptures,—she has received a blessing from searching them. I have been like one floating carelessly over the surface of waters under which lie pearls. Lilian has dived deep and made the treasure her own." —Sel.

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### SUSIE SUNBEAM

Susie Sunbeam was not her real name; that was Susan Brown. But every one called her Susie Sunbeam, because she had such a sweet, smiling face, and always brought brightness with her when she came. Her grandfather first gave her this name, and it seemed to fit the little girl so nicely that soon it took the place of her own.

Even when a baby, Susie laughed and cooed from morning till night. No one ever heard her cry unless she was sick or hurt. When she had learned to walk, she loved to go about the house and get things for her mother, and in this way save her as many steps as she could. She would sit by her mother's side for an hour at a time, and ask her ever so many questions, or she would take her new book and read.

Susie was always pleasant in her play with other children. She never used an unkind word, but tried to do whatever would please her playmates best.

One day, a poor little girl with a very ragged dress was going by, and Susie heard some children teasing her and making fun of her. She at once ran out to the gate, and asked the poor little girl to come in. "What are you crying for?" Susie asked.

"Because they all laugh at me," she said.

Then Susie took the little girl into the house. She cheered her up with kind words, and gave her a nice dress and a pair of shoes. This brought real joy and gladness to the poor child, and she, too,

thought that Susie was rightly called Sunbeam.  
— McGuffey's Reader

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Paul said that the Church is like a building. Jesus is called the corner stone. This is a very important part of the building. The Church is built on Him. Each part of the building is needed. Each one in the Church is needed. There is work for each one to do for Jesus.

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Remember to do without that ice cream cone and give the money you would have spent to the missionaries so they can help some heathen boy or girl find Christ.

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**LESSON ILLUSTRATION**



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**Dear Boys and Girls:**

Jesus went with His disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane. Let us walk along with them. There were just eleven of them, as Judas was in the city making final arrangements with the rulers to come and take Jesus. Finally they came to the Garden of Gethsemane. They slowed down as Jesus continued to talk to them. Finally, He told the rest to wait for Him

and He went a little farther into the garden and took with Him Peter, James and John. He told them that His soul was heavy with sorrow. He asked them to wait and pray with Him. He went on farther from them and fell upon the ground. He prayed, saying, "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me, nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done." Oh, the weight of the sins of the whole world were upon Him. The Bible says that Jesus was made sin, yet without sin, that He might bear our sins. God could not look upon sin with any pleasure. Jesus felt the weight of this upon Him. But an angel came and gave Him some strength. He went back and found Peter, James and John asleep. He woke them and said, "Could you not watch with me for just one hour?" He knew that Judas and the multitudes would soon be there to take Him. He longed for someone to share His troubles but they did not understand. He went back to prayer again. The third time He prayed that if it were possible for the cup of suffering to pass from Him, for it to be so. He suffered so much that sweat like great drops of blood fell from His body. Oh, such suffering. He wasn't sick in body, but was sick with soul suffering. Oh, boys and girls, Jesus did this for you and me. We ought to love Him.

Judas and the multitude came with swords and staves to take Him. Judas came up and kissed him as he had told the rulers that the One whom he kissed would be Jesus. Jesus said that He had sat in the temple daily and asked why they had come out with a multitude to take Him. He could have called twelve legions of angels to save Him from them, but then the people in the world couldn't have been saved from their sins. He was willing to die.

Notice that Jesus did not have any bad feelings toward Judas. He called him "Friend." The only way he was Jesus' friend was that he had let himself be-

come an instrument by which the will of God could be done in the life of Jesus. Yet it was a terrible thing for Judas to give himself so completely over into the devil's hands. — Aunt Marie

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**Lesson 13, March 28, 1976**

**IN THE GARDEN OF  
GETHSEMANE**

**Mark 14:32, 33; Luke 22:41-44;  
Matt. 26:46, 47, 49, 50, 53-56**

Mark 14:32 And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he (Jesus) saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.

33 And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy;

Luke 22:41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,

42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Matt. 26:46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

47 And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

49 And forthwith he (Judas) came to Jesus, and said, Hail, Master; and kissed him.

50 And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came

they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.

53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

54 But how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

55 In that same hour said Jesus to the multitude, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me.

56 But all this was done, that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

Memory Verse: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Phil 2:8.

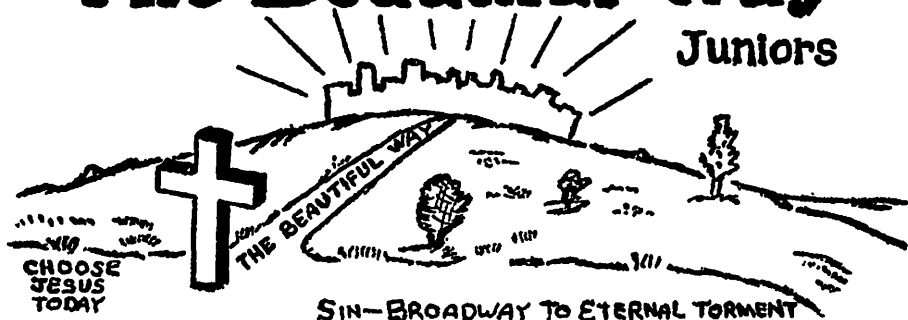
**QUESTION:**

1. To what place did Jesus come with His disciples to pray?
2. What three disciples did He take with Him?
3. What words tell you how sad Jesus felt?
4. How far away did Jesus go from the disciples to pray?
5. What did He ask the Father?
6. Was Jesus willing to do God's will?
7. Who strengthened Jesus?
8. Who betrayed Jesus?
9. How did he betray Jesus?
10. Why didn't Jesus call for more than twelve legions of angels?
11. What question did Jesus ask the multitude?
12. Why were all these things done?
13. What did the disciples do?
14. Was Judas really Jesus' friend?
15. How did Jesus humble himself?

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## The Unseen Hand and Still Small Voice

(INTRODUCTION)

When Sister Marie Miles told me that the Lord had impressed her to ask me to write the story of my life for publication in the "Beautiful Way" paper, I answered that I would think about it and pray about it and if the Lord would inspire, I would do it. I knew the Lord would have to inspire because many things have slipped from my memory. I thought I would have two or three months to pray about it and same amount of time to write it. It was suggested that I have it ready for next year. As I began to think about it, a heavy burden fell upon me to DO IT NOW; do not put it off until next year.

We are instructed to do all that we do "in the name of the Lord Jesus" and to the "glory of God." Those instructions have been uppermost in my mind; and for that reason, very few historical facts are mentioned. Some were necessary in order to introduce influences on my soul, or spiritual life.

A heavy burden has been upon my heart of late because of my barren condition in the spiritual realm. I under-

stand how Hannah felt, as recorded in the first chapter of First Samuel. "She was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore." This was because she had no literal children, while others around her were blessed with a number. In answer to her prayers, the Lord gave her Samuel, who became a great blessing to God's people.

When mention is made about some being able to get all of their children into God's fold (their literal children are their spiritual children, too) I am in bitterness of soul and weep sore because I realize it is not so in my case. I see some who are gifted to influence souls to get saved through their preaching; but I am not a preacher. In different ways I see God's servants wielding influence over others, causing them to get saved. I am not envious of them, but when I stand before the Lord in judgment I hope there will be someone else there whom I have been instrumental in helping to find the Lord.

My eyes will not take much strain and my nerves are bad, so writing is not easy, but if this will help a spiritual Samuel to be born, I shall be more than repaid for the effort.

In Jesus' name,

—Geneva Ray

(Written in story form to help children to read with interest. Names used for most characters are not the ones by which they are known.)

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## The Unseen Hand and Still Small Voice

"There's a big bear! He's coming after us! Run for your life!" exclaimed Ada in a very excited tone of voice as she jumped up and started running toward the house.

Ada was a neighbor girl who was spending the afternoon with Narena and Ann. She was a little older than Narena and about three years older than 5-year-old Ann, so she was the leader or "boss" of their activities. They played a short time in the house, but Ada was an out-of-doors tomboy type, so Narena and Ann were soon following her out to explore the Wyoming homestead. The three girls sat down on the ground near where some dead trees had been piled about one eighth of a mile from the house. Ada was quite a source of information to these two Indiana girls who knew very little about the wild west. One old tree in the pile reminded them of an animal with its mouth open, so Ada told them frightening stories about animals—especially bears. Narena was wiser than her little sister, so at times she would add to the stories. Ann was a much-impressed listener. She knew that Wyoming was a place where there were locoweeds which made horses go crazy if they ate them, thistles and cactus with their cruel thorns, wind that caused her to feel lonesome when it made a weird whistle around the corners of the house, coyotes that frightened her with their night howls, and rattle snakes which frightened even grown-ups, so she was convinced the bears were there, too.

The announcement from Ada that a bear was coming sent her scurrying to her

feet with the realization that she was being left far behind by the two older girls. Great fear seized her, causing her heart to beat wildly. She ran as fast as her short legs would carry her, but she imagined the bear was gaining on her—getting so close she could feel and hear him breathe—just ready to grab and devour her! She reached the house where the other girls were—all out of breath. There was no bear! Ada had either been trying to frighten the girls or had talked herself into a state of wild imagination by her own stories.

The fright had a bad effect upon Ann. For years after that she would have frightening dreams about bears. In her dreams she could never make any progress running away from the bears; but there seemed to be a power—an unseen hand—holding them back, because they never got her. To her, they were the greatest enemies that people had—frightful monsters! In a few years she learned of an enemy worse than bears, a grim monster with a terrible sting who lurked around everywhere to devour people.

—Geneva Ray

(to be continued)

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## Teddy's Adventure

Teddy has a big brother. His brother is named Bobby. Bobby is twelve years old, but Teddy is only seven years old. Teddy got a building set for Christmas. He can make tall buildings and bridges. "I don't like my building set," cried Teddy.

"Why don't you like it?" asked Bobby.

"Because I like your chemistry set," said Teddy. "I wish I had one."

"You are just too little," said Bobby. "But I will let you help me with an adventure."

Bobby made a little fire. He took a glass bottle. He poured something red into the bottle.

"That is pretty," said Teddy. "Now what are you going to do?"

"Now you can help," said Bobby. "Pour this in."

Teddy slowly poured in the stuff from the tall glass. "Look, oh, look. It is turning white."

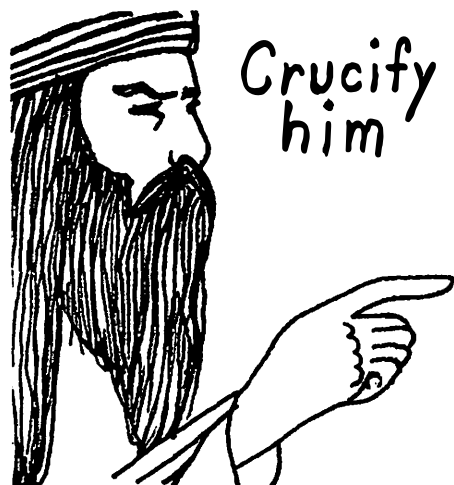
"I know," said Bobby. "Did you know that Jesus said our sins are red? Jesus said he could take them away. He said He could make them white."

"I am glad I love Jesus," said Teddy. "My sins are all gone. They are not red. They are white and gone. I like your chemistry set. It helps me remember that Jesus took away my sins."

— Sel.

"My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." Psa. 121:2.

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

Jesus was led away like a criminal early on Friday morning. He was taken by the mob from the garden of Gethsemane to the house of Annas. Annas

was not the high priest, but he still held the office as a mark of respect. Caiaphas was the high priest. He was Annas' son-in-law. Maybe this questioning of Jesus had been arranged ahead so they could trick Jesus in some way. In all of their questioning in this mock trial, they could not find anything to put Him to death for. Notice how they got some people to say things against Jesus that were not true. Oh, how sad. Even the witnesses didn't agree. It truly was a mock trial and it brought heartache to the heart of our gentle Jesus, who loved all of them so much. In the book of John we read where Annas questioned Him about the disciples, but Jesus would not answer his question. Jesus told them that He had always spoken openly in the synagogues and in the temple where all the Jews came together. He said for Annas to ask them what He had said. When He said this, one of the officers struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Answerest thou the high priest so?" Jesus said that if he had spoken evil to let Him know, but if He had spoken right, for them to explain why they struck Him. So we notice that they were not seeking the truth, but just hated Him and wanted to kill Him.

When Jesus told them that He was the Christ, and that He would sit on the right hand of God and would come in the clouds of heaven, the high priest tore his clothes and said that Jesus needed to die for saying that He was the Christ. When Annas finished asking Jesus questions they sent Him away to Caiaphas the high priest. This meeting with Caiaphas, who was the head of the Sanhedrin, the ruling body of the Jews, was just a legal meeting. Jesus had already been condemned to die on the cross. But this was not the last meeting. He had to go to the Roman authorities for the final word before He could be killed.

While Jesus was at Annas' house, another scene was going on out in the

courtyard. Peter was standing by the fire warming himself. He had already denied that he knew Jesus. Peter was talking to the temple guards and servants. His speech was not the speech of Jerusalem, but of Galilee. Some one noticed the difference and accused him of being one of Jesus' disciples. Peter denied that he was. Another one asked if he had not seen him in the Garden, but he denied it again. Then the cock crowed. Peter went out and wept bitterly. He was so sorry he had denied knowing Jesus. — Aunt Marie

### Lesson 1, April 4, 1976

## JESUS, THE MESSIAH, TRIED AND CONDEMNED

### Mark 14:53-64

Mark 14:53 And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes.

54 And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire.

55 And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none.

56 For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together.

57 And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying,

58 We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another without hands.

59 But neither so did their witness agree together.

60 And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answer-

est thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee?

61 But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?

62 And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

63 Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses?

64 Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death.

Memory Verse: In His humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. Acts 8:33

### QUESTIONS:

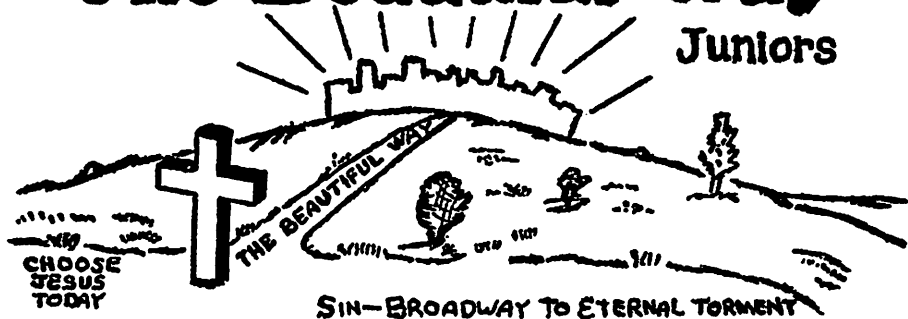
1. Where did they lead Jesus?
2. Who followed Jesus afar off?
3. Could witness against Jesus to put Him to death be found?
4. Many witnesses came, but why didn't what they said count?
5. What was one lie they told about Jesus?
6. Did their witness agree?
7. Did Jesus answer those who lied about Him?
8. How do you know? Read the verse that tells.
9. What question did the high priest ask that Jesus answered?
10. What was Jesus' answer?
11. What did the priest do then?
12. What did the priest call Jesus' answer?
13. Did they condemn Jesus for His answer?
14. Did Jesus get a fair trial?
15. What makes you think He did or didn't?

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Part Two

April 11

## The Unseen Hand and Still Small Voice

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"Back home again in Indiana . . ." are words from that state's song. Ann did not know the song but its sentiment was in her heart. At her age state boundary lines meant nothing; she was at home wherever Mother and Father lived—especially Mother—but she was glad for their choice to go back where she could go to Grandma's house often and enjoy other privileges which she did not have in Wyoming. One such privilege was Sunday School. Even though she didn't understand what it was all about, she liked to go.

School was a long distance from home in Wyoming and the winter was hard; so even though her first year held many pleasant memories, there were hardships, too. She loved school, but many times could not go because of bad weather. Sometimes Father would take her and Narena on a sled, but they usually walked. One time he walked in front of them to break a path in the deep snow. His strides were long and it was difficult for Ann to keep up. She tried hard for awhile; then, in desperation, fell on her face in the snow

and cried. He helped her up then walked slowly enough for her to follow the rest of the way. When others learned about it, they chided Ann until a lesson was stamped upon her heart: When going is difficult, one should not give up and fall down and cry.

In Indiana, school was not far from home and even though snow fell, it was usually fun. School children would sometimes hold to the back of a buggy which happened to be going their way and let the horse pull them over the snowy road. But all was not rosy in Indiana.

Gloom and grief seemed to be in the air and enshrouding people. "War" and "kill" had no meaning to Ann excepting to kill a bug, spider, mouse, or snake; but grown-ups were using the words often and even children mixed their usual games with pretenses of "killing the Germans." One day at school the teacher requested the second-grade pupils to tear a page about the Kaiser out of their readers, take it to the basement and burn it in the furnace. There was a big blaze in the furnace. Some children cried for fear their parents would punish them for disfiguring their books, but others cheered. Hatred was encouraged, but Ann knew no hate and didn't even know how to grow it in the gar-

den of her heart. She had never heard quarreling at home.

One day she was playing with Bessie, a friend. Something didn't suit Bessie, so she hit Ann with her hand and ran home, latching her yard gate behind her. Ann followed her, intent on "hitting her back." Across the street in a bar ditch some tall weeds were growing. Ann pulled up the tallest one and went to Bessie's gate with it in her hand. From the outside of the fence she could not reach the latch. As she stood there, she wanted to play with Bessie again, so she said, "Please, Bessie, let me in."

Bessie answered, "If you'll throw your stick away, I'll let you in."

Ann promptly threw it away, went inside, and they were the best of friends again. "In malice, be ye children." 1 Cor. 14:20.

Soon after school started, when Ann was in the 3rd grade a plague called influenza began to strike in almost every home. Schools had to close. People were very, very sick, and many died. Whole families would be sick with no help. People who did not have it were afraid to go where it was for fear they would catch it. Doctors knew not what to do, but people called them anyway, day and night. People with whom Ann was acquainted did not know how to get help from the Lord for something like that.

During the months that schools were closed and most other people were having the disease, no one in the Bailey family took it; but when the children returned to school, Ann caught it and soon six members of the family were stricken. All took it except her father—even darling little baby Dorothy, who was less than three weeks old.

When Ann recovered enough to be out of bed, she had to entertain herself because the others were too sick to even notice her. One day she was sitting at the table singing when a neighbor lady passed

by her with Dorothy in her arms. When Ann continued her song, the lady looked with disapproval upon her face. Ann quit singing, but didn't understand why she should be rebuked for it; she wasn't singing loudly enough to disturb anyone. The lady washed the baby and put a dress on her. Ann noticed that her eyes were closed and she didn't wave her sweet arms any more. Later the baby was taken into the room where poor sick Mother could have one last look at her beloved infant. Mother cried very hard.

Mother crying? Oh, no! NO! Something very, very terrible had taken place. Ann was moved with deep emotion at the sight. She was being introduced to a monster which she had not thought much about before that. True, a girl could not live to be eight years old without knowing something about death, but when he had come so close and snatched little Dorothy, Ann was awakened to some of his cruelty. Many questions filled her mind. She pieced together things she heard and weird thoughts haunted her. Truly, DEATH was worse than bears!

She had been critically ill in Wyoming, why hadn't death taken her? she wondered. She began to sense that there was an unseen Hand holding him back.

— Geneva Ray

(to be continued)

## Mezuzah

All Jewish families of Jesus' time had little metal boxes fastened to the doorposts of their homes with leather thongs. This box was called a mezuzah. Inside the mezuzah was a little scroll on which were written the words, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." Each time a member of a Jewish family came home, he touched the mezuzah with his fingers; then he brought his fingers to his lips as if kiss-

ing them and said, "God will take care of me as I come and go, today and every day."

God watches and waits for you to take time to talk to him in your prayers.

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

Our lesson last Sunday was about Jesus being brought before Annas. In our lesson background we told how He was taken from the court of Annas to Caiaphas, the high priest, who was head of the ruling body, which was called the Sanhedrin. He was, of course, condemned to die by the Jews, but the Roman government was ruling the Jewish country, and they had the last say about Jesus being put to death.

Pilate, the Roman ruler, probably had his mock trial during the early morning hours on Friday. As he sat on his bench, in trooped the whole crowd. Members of the crowd began to accuse Jesus. They said they found Jesus causing trouble in

the nation, and forbidding them to give tax money to Caesar and calling Himself a King. (Luke 23:2). This, of course, was untrue, but Pilate had to look into the accusations. Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered him, "You have said so." The chief priests and others began to hurl charges against him.

During this time, Pilate's wife sent a message to her husband telling him to have nothing to do with Jesus. She had dreamed many things about Him. Pilate tried to release Jesus. Jesus had told him that He was a king, but that His kingdom was not of this world. He told him that He had come into the world to bear witness of the truth and those who wanted to know the truth would hear His voice. (John 18:33-37)

Pilate tried to release Jesus by asking the mob which one they wanted released, the robber, Barabbas, or Jesus. They cried, "Release Barabbas and crucify Jesus." Pilate told them that he had found no fault in Jesus. The Jews said that by their law He should die, and if Pilate released Him, he was not a friend of Caesar. Pilate took water and washed his hands and said that he was innocent of Jesus' blood.

Pilate had no use for Herod, but he sent Jesus to him, in an attempt to place the responsibility of Jesus on him, but Herod sent Jesus back. (Luke 23:6-12). Pilate had Jesus scourged and then the soldiers led Him away. They placed a crown of thorns on His head and hit Him with a reed and spat upon Him.

Three crosses stood out against the sky. Three men died. The other two crosses have been remembered, only by their relationship to the One in the center. Jesus is important because of the reason He was there. What is more important than the things He taught? Who is more important than Jesus, who died to take the punishment for our sins? No one on this

earth has been more loved than our Saviour, Jesus Christ. No one person has been acclaimed down through the years like our Lord. Today we love Him because He first loved us. — Aunt Marie

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**Lesson 2, April 11, 1976**

**UPON THE CROSS OF CALVARY**

**John 19:17-19; Matt. 27:39, 40; Luke 23:39-43; Mark 15:37, 38**

John 19:17 And He bearing His cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:

18 Where they crucified Him, and two other with Him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

19 And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.

24 They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

Matthew 27:39 And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,

40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Luke 23: 9 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, to day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Mark 15:37 And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

38 And the vail of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

Memory Verse: But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. Gal. 6:14.

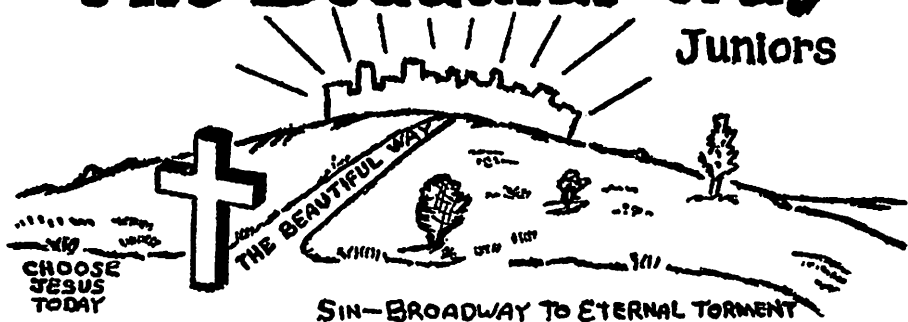
**QUESTIONS:**

1. In what place was Jesus crucified?
2. Were others crucified with Jesus?
3. Who was on the middle cross?
4. What was the title Pilate wrote for the cross of Jesus?
5. Tell what the soldiers did with the clothing of Jesus.
6. How did they divide the coat?
7. Do you know what "revile" means?
8. What do you think "wagging their heads" means?
9. Tell some of the things the crowd said to Jesus.
10. Who else mocked Jesus?
11. Did both thieves feel the same way?
12. How do you know?
13. What did Jesus tell the thief?
14. What happened when Jesus cried with a loud voice?
15. Do you know why the vail of the temple was torn in two pieces?

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Part Three

April 18

## The Unseen Hand and Still Small Voice

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Mountain, hill and valley full of life and cheer,

Showing forth the power of our Father dear:

Praise the great Creator, praise Him joyfully!

This is such a good world and it just suits me.

This is part of a song that Ann learned for a Children's Day program. She sang it often with much zeal because it spoke out the way she felt. The world in which she lived suited her and she didn't want to die and be put in a hole; she wanted to live on and on.

Her thoughts and conclusions about death were about its effects on the physical body. As she gathered information about that, light began to come to her of a spiritual nature, about the girl on the inside that thought and talked, that acted good or bad. She noticed that when she did good things she felt happy inside, but when she did bad things, she felt mean and unhappy. One time she was very selfish and was left with a bad feeling. She

felt the same way when she could have helped an old lady in distress but failed to do that kindness, also, when she was deceitful, causing a boy to make a mistake to her advantage. The bad feeling was God's frown. But when she was kind, helpful, and honest her heart would sing for joy. One time when she was visiting in a big city, she saw a group of white girls being very unfriendly to a lonely, frightened black girl. Ann befriended her and it seemed like a bucket of peace and joy was poured out upon her. God was showing her that He was pleased with her.

It is doubtful if the people in general had a living personal contact with the Saviour, but there was enough light around Ann to help her to understand some things: There was a God who created all and lived in heaven, and people who were good would go there when they died. There was a hell where bad people would go. The Bible was God's book and whatever it said was true.

Aunt Cuma had a new player piano, which was a great blessing to Ann. She played it often. Her favorite rolls were: "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," and "Safe In the Arms of Jesus." They brought such a feeling of peace and comfort to her, she played them over and over until she

knew them by memory. The Unseen Hand had brought them to her in time to be a great help to her. An older girl announced to a group of children that she could tell fortunes by the Bible according to birthdays. When Ann told her birthday date, the girl read from the Bible that she would go to hell. Oh, what a crushing blow! She did not know that the Scripture was used in a wrong way by the devil's agent. The other children laughed, but to Ann it was not funny. She wanted her birthday to be on another day; maybe she was born after midnight and her parents had made a mistake. She learned it was not that way. Then she tried changing the date, thinking that would help. It was so soon after Christmas that it was not remembered by others, so never again did she want the real date to be mentioned. "The Bible was God's book; was hell her doom?" was the tormenting question raised in her mind. When feelings of despair would try to prevail, there was the comfort: "Safe in the arms of Jesus, Safe on His gentle breast: There by His love o'ershaded; Sweetly my soul shall rest." — G. Ray

## The Living Christ

"Oh, look at Ellen's new dress!" exclaimed Mary as Ellen came walking up to the chapel with her parents and brothers. "Isn't it pretty? I wish my mother would have made a new dress for me. I just know all the girls will have on a new dress today — except me."

"But, Mary, your dress is almost new. You only wore it twice or did you wear it twice?" asked Diane.

"Oh, this old thing. That's what Mother said and I cried and cried because she did not get my new dress finished so I could wear it today. I told her off, too."

"My mother said that she felt sorry for your mother because she works so hard. I am sure she tried, but just couldn't get it finished. I know my mother sometimes

wants to do thing for me, but she doesn't have time," Diane explained to Mary.

"Well, anyway, I didn't like it one bit that I had to wear this old dress today."

The girls went into their class and the teacher was so happy to tell them about Jesus, who had risen from the grave. She told them that they should all be happy because we were serving a living Christ. She explained that in Russia the boys and girls were taught to love Lennin, who was one of their rulers, but he was dead. "They would pass his casket and bow to him. But we are serving a living Christ and He is real! He will help us to do the right if we will love and serve Him. But, boys and girls, we must love Jesus more than anything else in this world. That is what Easter means. It isn't a time just to wear new clothes. Of course, in the spring we need lighter clothes to wear and many of us might have some new clothes, but that is not what is important today. We should be happy because we have a living Christ!"

The girls left the class and Mary whispered to Diane, "I am sorry the way I talked to Mother about not having a new dress. I am going to tell her so, too. New dresses are not as important as loving a living Christ."

"I am glad to hear you say that," Diane said, as she, too, was glad that they loved a living Christ. — M. Miles

## The Butterfly

"Mother, we saw something come alive today. There was a butterfly come out of a dead shell and flew away. It was beautiful! Ronnie and I thought the caterpillar was dead, but it wasn't."

"Oh yes, dear, that is the way it will be with us. When we are dead and put in the ground, it will only be our bodies. The real 'us' has left the body and is in heaven. We are like the beautiful butterfly. We

are in a better place than this house of clay."

— M. Miles

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**LESSON ILLUSTRATION**

## They came unto the Sepulchre



Dear Boys and Girls:

Jesus was placed on the cross at the third hour. For us, that would be about 9 a.m. on Friday morning. At the sixth hour (noon), a great darkness came over the earth. The sun was darkened until the ninth hour. This would be about 3:00 p.m. Jesus died at that time, and a great earthquake rent the rocks. Graves were opened. The centurion which was standing by and had watched it all, said, "Truly this man was the son of God." Mark 15:39.

Jesus' mother was standing by the cross and Jesus thought of her welfare. He asked John to take care of her. This is an example for our boys and girls. You are to see about your parents when they are older. They took care of you when

you were helpless and you owe this to them when they get older and are needing your love and concern.

Some other women, who loved Jesus Christ, were lingering close to the cross also. The disciples had left Jesus, because they feared for their own lives.

Friday evening came and it was time for the Jews to prepare for the Sabbath. The bodies had to be taken down from the crosses as they could not stay there on the Sabbath, which was Saturday. One man, named Joseph (not Jesus' father), who was an honorable counsellor and also one who loved Jesus and believed in the kingdom, asked earnestly for the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised that Jesus was already dead. He gave the body to Joseph, who brought some fine linen and took Him down and wrapped His body in it and laid it in a new grave, or sepulchre, which was hewn out of a rock. He rolled a stone up to the door of the sepulchre.

This would be a sad ending of Jesus' life and there would not be any hope for us, but there is more to tell. His death on the cross would not mean anything without His resurrection. But praise God, He did not stay in that grave. Let us walk with Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome on that early Sunday morning down towards the sepulchre. They were sad because the One whom they loved so dearly had been put on the cross and killed by His enemies. They had seen Him heal the sick, raise the dead, cause the lame to walk, and bring joy and happiness into the lives of many. But He was dead. They wanted to do one more thing for their Jesus and Saviour. They wanted to put some spices on His body and anoint it. Oh, how they loved Him, yet they did not understand it all. How surprised they were that He had risen from the grave. And, dear boys and girls, because He arose, we will arise from the grave some day. We will have a new body and live in eternity with Jesus.

How wonderful that is! But we must believe that Jesus died for our sins and let Him take them all away. We must confess them and forsake all sin. Oh, how wonderful it is to know where we will be after death. We do not have any fear of death then, do we? — Aunt Marie

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**Lesson 3, April 18, 1976**

**"HE IS NOT HERE, HE IS RISEN!"**

**Mark 16:1-8; 1 Cor. 15:20, 51, 52, 55-57**

Mark 16:1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint Him.

2 And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

3 And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

4 And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

5 And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.

6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

7 But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

8 And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid.

I Corinthians 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept.

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse: For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living. Romans 14:9

**QUESTIONS:**

1. What were the women going to do with the spices?
2. What time was it when they were going to the sepulchre?
3. Do you know what a sepulchre is?
4. What did they say to each other as they walked along?
5. Did they have to roll the stone away?
6. What did they see when they went inside of the tomb?
7. What did the angel say to them?
8. Tell what the women did then.
9. Do you understand what I Cor. 15:20 means?
10. What does it mean, "We shall not all sleep?"
11. What will happen at the last trump?
12. What is the sting of death?
13. Who gives us victory over death?
14. Why did Jesus die and rise again?

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April 25

## The Unseen Hand and Still Small Voice

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The Bailey family moved to a farm which Father bought away off in the hills where the children could not attend Sunday School, but the Master Teacher taught Ann many valuable lessons in the school of life.

One day the children were following a creek that flowed through the woods and came to a rock overhanging the creek. As they looked at it, a little animal appeared upon it and came to the edge almost within their reach. He looked at them and they at him. They thought he was very cute—about the prettiest little thing they had ever seen. They desired him for a pet, but he quietly slipped away. They described him to their parents, but they had no idea what kind of animal it was. Ann had a pet chicken which was very dear to her. The next morning she was told that a weasel had almost killed her chicken that night. Mother and Father heard her crying for help and had gone to her rescue just in time to save her life and kill the weasel. Ann ran to the chicken house to see her chicken and there lay

the dead weasel. It was the cute animal they had seen on the rock the day before.

Later in life Ann often thought of the weasel who was so attractive to their eyes, but had a sneaky nature. That is like the devil and his agents; attractive to the eyes of unsuspecting souls; but by nature, sly and sneaking, going about to steal, kill, and destroy all that is good. Many such weasels inhabit life's jungles.

At another time the girls planned to play on a clay bank where they could dig holes, make houses, etc. Ann's parents told her that she must care for the baby. The girls were often given duties according to their abilities. Since Ann loved babies and they loved her, caring for Baby Brother was often her duty. For some time she faithfully cared for him, but thoughts of the others being free to play was more than she could cheerfully take. She decided it was Marie's turn, so the change was made. Soon the baby began to cry and Ann was ordered back to the house by her parents, who were working a little distance from the house. She obeyed for awhile. The baby was quiet and contented and Ann's mind began to ponder about the unfairness of her having to work all morning while the others played. She felt that Marie could care for

the baby if she would just try, because she had the duty of caring for a baby at Marie's age. Again she traded places, and again the baby began to cry. Mother and Father were very angry when they learned she had left her post of duty the second time. Their stern dealings with her stamped a lesson upon her mind which was useful in later years.

The Lord requires His stewards to be faithful in the duties He gives them to do. He does not want them to look at others who seem to be having an easier time. It is human nature to do that. If one has ten dollars and the Lord tells him to give half of it to a needy brother, he may be tempted to look at someone with twenty dollars and say, "Lord, he has more than I, why don't you ask him to help?"

We read in the Bible about the time when Jesus was giving Peter a work to do. Peter saw John and said, "Lord, and what shall this man do?" Jesus let Peter know that if He didn't give John a work to do, it was none of Peter's business.

Later, when Ann was serving the Lord, He gave her a task. A friend said to her, "... is more able than you; why don't you ask him to do it?" Ann answered, "No, I'm the only one who can do it." The friend thought she was conceited; but, no, she was remembering the lesson which she had learned in childhood.

If a task is giv'n to you,  
Do it! Do not shirk!  
Idle ones you'd fain employ  
Cannot do YOUR work.

— Geneva Ray

(to be continued)

## Jane Obeys Mother

Jane sat thinking about her sister, Lois. Jane was six years old and Lois was eight. But they did not look alike or do the same things. Lois could do so many things. She always said her Bible verse just right, but Jane was always getting

mixed up when she said her verse. Lois could make paper birds and paint pictures and make doll clothes, but Jane never seemed to be able to do any of these things right. On Sunday Lois had a verse that said "Children obey your parents in the Lord." Jane learned the same verse, but she said "Children love your parents in the Lord." Jane felt bad because she could not do things as good as Lois and because she didn't say her verse like it was in the Bible.

One day their father told them that if they would get their work finished early, he would help them paint some pictures of leaves. Both girls hurried fast to get through. As they hurried down the stairs, Mother called out, "Girls, change your dresses so you won't get paint on them."

Lois replied, "Okay, but I want to see the colors of the paint first." Jane stopped and went back to her room and quickly changed into an old dress. Then, rushing downstairs, she began painting. As they worked, some of the paint splashed on Lois' dress. She remembered that she had not obeyed Mother. Her pretty blue dress was now spotted with red paint. Lois felt bad about it. She remembered the Sunday school verse from last Sunday. She hurried to Mother and showed her the paint. She asked her mother to forgive her for disobeying her. Then she asked Jesus to forgive her for being disobedient and to help her to be quick to obey her parents. Jane went on painting. She was glad she had learned to obey her parents, even if she wasn't able to do things as good as Lois.

— D. B.

## MAN DIED BEFORE BEING BORN

"Did you know that in the Bible we read about a man who never was born and yet he lived and died?" asked Larry, as he caught up with Don on their way to the store.

"Never was born, yet he died?" questioned Don.

"Yes, do you know who it was?"

"I could never guess," Don said.

"Well, you look in your Bible and read Gen. 2:7, and the read Gen. 5:5, and you will find out," Larry told Don. "You can then tell me what his name was."

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- M. Miles

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

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- John 14:1.

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

In our lesson last Sunday, we talked about Jesus when he arose from the grave. And of course, we rejoiced because we are today serving a living Christ. We also are rejoicing because we know that we, too, will arise from the grave in that great resurrection morning. Because Jesus arose, we will arise.

Let us think about Mary Magdalene, on that Sunday morning, after she had watch-

ed Peter and John look at the empty grave and leave so broken-hearted, she lingered near the tomb. She wondered who had taken the body of Jesus away? Tears burst from her eyes in her deep grief. She wandered around, looking for His body, and then came back and stooped down and gazed into the tomb. The angels were still there and when they asked her why she was weeping, she was so grief-stricken that she answered them just as if they were people like herself. She told them she was looking for Jesus' body, and then she turned around and wandered back into the garden. A man was standing there, and in her tears she did not know it was Jesus. She supposed him to be the gardener of the place and when he asked her why she was weeping, she told him. Then Jesus spoke her name. It must have been spoken in the most tender tones. It brought her out of her despair and she opened her eyes wide. Oh, it was true! It was Jesus, her Lord and Saviour! She flung herself at His feet, and said, "Master!" Jesus wanted Mary to look away from Him as an earthly person. Now she must think of Him as being with His Father in heaven. So He spoke those wonderful words in our lesson that comforted her heart.

Later that same day, Jesus appeared to the disciples but Thomas was not there. When Thomas was told that the Master had appeared to them, he doubted. Jesus understood how Thomas felt. Jesus understands all about us. He knows about our fears, our doubts, our desires and longings. He sees our tears and He knows all about boys and girls. If we will just believe in Him and have faith in His words, we can find comfort and help. We must read the words of Jesus in the Bible and believe them. They are to be our guide in this world.

When Thomas reached his hand into the side of Jesus and felt the pierced hands,

he said, "My Lord and my God!" Oh, such joy flooded his soul! He knew that he had a risen Saviour, Lord and King. Jesus told him that you and I are blessed because we believe even though we did not see His nail prints, nor the pierced side.

— Aunt Marie

## Lesson 4, April 25, 1976

### DOUBT NOT, BUT BELIEVE

#### John 20:11-18, 26-31

John 20:11 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping; and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,

12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

16 Jesus said unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabbi-ni; which is to say, Master.

17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God and your God.

18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side; and be not faithless, but believing.

28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Memory Verse: Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. John 20:29b.

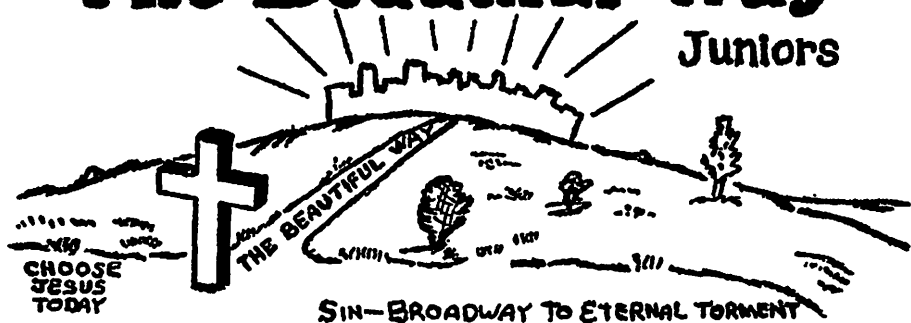
#### QUESTIONS:

1. Why was Mary weeping?
2. Where were the angels sitting?
3. What did they ask Mary?
4. Give her answer.
5. Did Mary see the gardener next?
6. Who did she see?
7. When did she recognize the Lord?
8. What did she say?
9. Why couldn't Mary touch Jesus?
10. What was the message Jesus gave Mary?
11. Who else doubted Jesus was alive?
12. When did Thomas believe?
13. Did Jesus want Thomas to believe?
14. How do you know Thomas believed?
15. Who did Jesus say were blessed?

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Part Five

May 2

## The Unseen Hand and Still Small Voice

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The country school which the children attended while living on the farm was only for elementary grades, so when Narena was ready for high school, the whole family moved to the little town, Scotland, to live during the winter months. Their house was just across the street from the United Presbyterian church house, where they attended religious services though they had no previous affiliation with that denomination. Ann was glad she could go to Sunday School again. Although the people who taught her were not in touch with God, He was surely dealing with her. She would get thoughts from the stories or Bible reading that would cause her to wonder about God and to want to know more about Him. The preacher announced a revival service, which Ann and her sisters decided to attend. Her Sunday School teacher asked her if she did not want to be a Christian and she thought she did even though she didn't know just what that meant.

One night a big cardboard divided into two sections was displayed in front of the

congregation. All who would, were requested to march around and sign their names on the side that fit their case. On one side was a statement that the signer was already a Christian (a church member); on the other side: "I hereby accept Christ as my personal Saviour . . ." Ann and many others placed their names on that side.

On Sunday morning all who signed on the second side and had not been baptized were placed in a semi-circle in front of the congregation. The preacher sprinkled water out of a goblet upon each head, and said some words as he did it. All were supposed to have their heads bowed, but Ann peeped just as the preacher reached up to sprinkle the water on a tall, awkward-looking young man. The sight struck her as being funny, and she barely suppressed a giggle with great effort. She hoped no one noticed, because what would they think of her giggling on such an occasion that was supposed to be solemn? After that ceremony, she was told that she was a member of that church.

One duty as a church member was to learn the catechism. The Sunday School superintendent would stand in front of the congregation and ask catechism questions and the congregation would respond with

the answers. One question was, "Can man live without sin?" The answer given was, "No, man doth sin daily in thought, word, and deed." And that is just about what Ann did in spite of her efforts to do otherwise. She did not know that signing her name on the cardboard and joining a denomination did not make her a Christian, but the still small voice told her there was a lack in her soul.

The people belonging to the denomination which Ann had joined were nice and sociable and she loved them. The preacher had a strong, pleasing personality, and had a big following. He was very popular and provided many entertainments for the young people. To his credit as a preacher, he was a good teacher and taught a Bible study in which Ann learned the books of the Bible, and much about Old Testament history. But when someone asked him what he thought of Christ's words, "Ye must be born again," he replied that he had been born again but did not think it was necessary, so his followers were left to grope their way in darkness only to fall into the ditch unless a light was provided from some other source.

One time something was said in young people's meeting about Catholicism. The pastor arose and solemnly charged them that nothing should be said against it; for, he said, "How will we feel if, when we stand at the Pearly Gates, we are told that no one will be permitted to enter but the Catholics?" That plunged poor Ann into greater darkness than ever, with the thought that we can never know in this life whether we are right or not, which of course is not true.

— Geneva Ray

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Words are like feathers. They fly away and you can't pick them up. So be careful what you say. Count to seven before you speak.

## The Three Animals

There were several animals that were important to the people of Jesus' day. I will tell you about three of these animals that the Bible talks about, and see if you can guess what they are.

This animal was used to carry loads. People also rode on its back. Jesus' mother, Mary, rode on one when she went to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. Jesus rode on one when he was a man and went into the city of Jerusalem. Can you guess its name?

This animal supplied the people with food and clothing. They took very good care of it. They had to guard it from the wild animals that might try to kill it. In his book about Jesus, Luke tells the story of how some men who were watching flocks of this animal saw a bright light shine round them the night Jesus was born. Can you guess the name of the animal?

This animal was used to carry loads and people across the desert because it could go for a long time without water. The Wise Men rode on animals of this kind when they came to find the Baby Jesus. Can you guess the animal's name?

Do we still have donkeys, sheep, and camels today?

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## A WOMAN DIES

"I like that song, 'Have You Any Time For Jesus,'" Bobby stated as he and Darlene turned the pages in the song book. Mother told us about singing that song in in camp meeting after a woman died."

"A woman died in church?" questioned Darlene.

"Yes, she died while Bro. John Wilson was preaching on 'Time,'" Bobby answered. "Mother said he even showed his watch and told them what time it was and how time was fast passing away. And, of course, many people were gathering back to where she was and it caused some

problems. My mother said that she felt like she should start singing this song, 'Have You Any Time For Jesus,' and soon many came to the altar."

"Was that woman saved?" questioned Darlene.

"Yes, she was saved, but I guess God knew He would have to take her so others would get saved and take time for Jesus."

— M. Miles

(a true camp meeting scene)

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"More like Christ, my heart is praying,  
More like Christ from day to day."

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**LESSON ILLUSTRATION**

they drew nigh  
unto the village



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**Dear Boys and Girls:**

Did you ever walk along with your parents when they were discussing an important problem or deciding what to do about something? In our lesson there were two men who were walking along on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Emmaus was about six miles from Jerusalem. These two men were troubled. They were talking about all that had happened in Jer-

usalem. What do you think they were saying? Wouldn't you have had to discuss it with someone if your best Friend had been killed on a cross and you knew that He was not guilty of all the things that had been told on Him? The shock of it all and the unfairness was more than they could take in. And then, too, He was the One who had done so many miracles and had helped so many people. They believed Him to be the Messiah but now they wondered about all that had happened.

As they walked along and talked, a stranger joined them, or He seemed so to them because Jesus, by His power, didn't let them know who He was. Jesus asked them of who they were talking and why they were so sad. Cleopas, one of the men, said, "Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem and don't you know what has come to pass these last days?" Jesus said, "What things?" And they said to Jesus, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and besides all this, today is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre: And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not." Luke 24:17-24.

Our lesson picks up the story from this last verse. Jesus said, "How come you are so slow to believe what was told by the prophets about Jesus and all that he was to suffer?" And then Jesus preached to them a sermon beginning with Moses and all that the prophets had said about Jesus

and His coming. Oh, what a wonderful sermon that must have been. I wish I could have heard it.

Soon they were close to Emmaus. They begged Him to eat with them and He did. When He returned thanks for the bread their eyes were opened and they knew that He was Jesus, their Saviour. They said, "Didn't our hearts burn within us when he talked to us about the scriptures?"

— Aunt Marie

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### Lesson 5, May 2, 1976

### ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

#### Luke 24:13-16, 25-34

Luke 24:13 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.

14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone farther.

29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him: and he vanished out of their sight.

32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

Memory Verse: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter in to his glory? Luke 24:26.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. To what village were the two going?
2. What were they doing as they walked along together?
3. Who drew near to them?
4. Did they know Him?
5. Jesus called them s----- h----- to believe the prophets.
6. Was it necessary for Jesus to suffer all these things?
7. Did Jesus explain the scriptures to them?
8. What happened as they came near the village?
9. What did Jesus do to the bread?
10. When were their eyes opened?
11. What happened to Jesus when they recognized Him?
12. What do you think "their hearts burned within them" means?
13. What did they do then?
14. Had the Lord appeared to anyone else?
15. To whom?

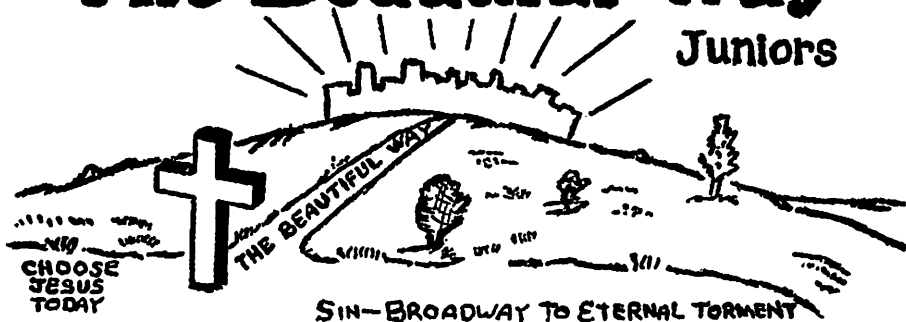
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Part Six

May 9

## The Unseen Hand and Still Small Voice

(continued from last lesson)

It seemed that most people thought of God as a Being afar off who stayed in heaven and noticed what we were doing but wasn't moved to do anything for us in this world. Ann did not realize that God was real and that He would hear and answer prayer until a missionary gave a talk one day, telling how God had answered prayer for some little girls among whom she worked. This was something new and different to Ann, and she went home thinking about it. It was after school was out and they were back on the farm. She was permitted to ride a horse to Sunday School in the same town where they went to school in the winter.

A few days after the missionary talked, the horse which Father had recently bought got out of the pasture field and his tracks showed that he had started in the direction of his old home, which was forty miles away. With rope and bridle in hand, Ann started after him. She followed his tracks for four miles along the dirt road, then saw him in an unfenced clover field by a river.

He was a gentle horse and at home had been easy to catch, but he was enjoying his freedom in the clover field so when Ann approached him to put the rope around his neck, he whirled and ran to another section of the field. He continued to move each time she got near him. Tears came into Ann's eyes as she stopped after becoming exhausted. How could she ever catch him?

Suddenly the words of the missionary came to her mind. "If God answered prayer for those little girls, I wonder if He will help me?" she thought. Then she prayed, "Dear God, please make my horse stand still so I can catch him." Then with renewed courage, she approached the horse and he stood as still as if he had been tied to something.

Her heart was full of joy as she put the rope around his neck, then put the bridle on him and started home, but she soon learned that he was still feeling frisky. She was very tired and wanted to ride him home. She was short and could not mount him without standing on something, so she led him to a bank by the roadside and started to climb on. He whirled. She walked a little farther and tried again but he would not stand still. For awhile it looked hopeless and like she would have to

lead him all the way home, but again she thought about the answered prayer. Again she prayed very earnestly, "Please, God, make him stand still so I can get on him." She tried again, and this time he stood still and she rode him home.

That experience helped to guide her away from a form of worship into a real living experience with God in later years.

All would have seemed just right to Ann if the devil had let her do things like she wanted to, but he caused her much trouble. She had a weakness of telling things a little different from the truth in order to avoid punishment. Also there were little ways she could cheat and feel like she would profit by doing so. She wanted to overcome, and succeeded to some extent. People made remarks about her being a good girl, but they did not know of her struggles.

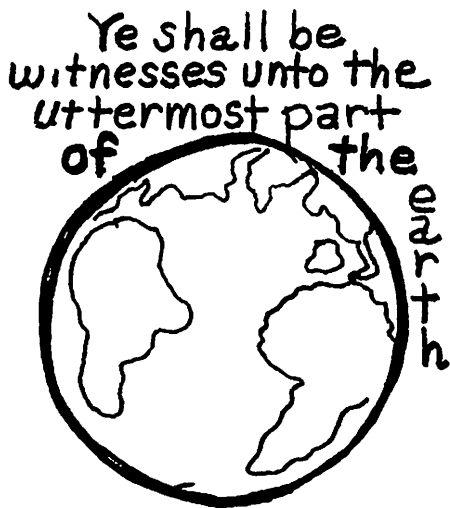
Ann thought there was no fruit quite so delicious as cherries. In Grandma's orchard cherries were plentiful and she could eat all she wanted, but on the tree in their back yard there were only a few cherries. Mother told the children not to eat them because there was just about enough for a pie. When Ann would pass the tree, a voice would tell her to take just one cherry, for just one cherry would not make any difference. So far as Ann knew, no one ever saw her take a cherry, but sometimes she would take one and then guilt would follow. While this struggle was going on, she heard the song, "Yield Not to Temptation." Through it, God helped her to understand that if she would refuse to listen to the voice that told her to take a cherry, she would be stronger to resist the temptation the next time. She would sing the song as she passed the tree. Soon that voice did not tempt her to take cherries.

But even that did not make her a Christian. She needed a Saviour. When a big storm would come, she would be afraid of

dying because she was not ready to meet God.

DEATH is a monster; the sting of death is sin. That is a sting which people cannot pull out of themselves—it takes a Higher Power. "What can take away my sin? (death's sting) Nothing but the blood of Jesus." The Bible asks the question, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?" Of course, the answer is NO. The Ethiopian has a black skin, which he has no power to change; neither can the leopard change his spots into one solid color. If they could make those changes, "then may ye do good, that are accustomed to do evil." Jer. 13:23. Even if people could change their life of sin into one of righteousness, there would still be the old record of sins on God's Book not erased. When one has been running up a bill at a grocery store, he cannot decide to begin paying cash and be clear. The old account must be settled. In life, one must present the old account to Jesus in repentance and godly sorrow, and He will pay it, erase the name from

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**LESSON ILLUSTRATION**



the DEATH ledger and write the name on the "Lamb's Book of Life."

Is there any profit, then, in trying to live a moral, upright life before one is saved by the grace of God? Yes, God is pleased with morality even though it will not save the soul. One who has strictly disciplined himself will find it easier to get to God and submit to His discipline. Many people have reaped in sorrow for wrong doing even after God for Christ's sake has forgiven them. Scars are left after sin is erased. But, self-righteousness in itself does not prepare the soul for Heaven. That is why Ann was still troubled.

—Geneva Ray

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Jesus had come to the end of His life in person here on earth. Jesus' resurrection had been witnessed by many people. They had many "infallible proofs" of His being alive. That means that no one can doubt that Jesus truly arose from the grave because He was seen by many, many people. Our lesson tells us that Jesus was seen by 500 brethren at one time. How can anyone doubt it? How wonderful it is to know that we are serving such a mighty Christ. He is alive today. He is not dead, but hears our prayers and cares for us.

Jesus was with His disciples upon the mountain, called Olives. This mountain was a sabbath-day's journey from Jerusalem. That would be about two miles. There Jesus talked with His disciples. First, He told them about His power that God had given Him on earth and in heaven. Then, Jesus gave them a command, telling them that He would go with them and be with them as long as they were here on the earth.

God had a plan, whereby all who wanted to could go to heaven. But people must hear about this wonderful plan. The way God wanted people to hear was by being

told by those who had tried this plan and found that it worked. So He gave a command to His disciples. He told them to "go" into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Those who would believe in Jesus and live by this great plan, would be saved and go to heaven, but those who rejected this great plan, or wouldn't believe in it, would be damned. How terrible for those who would not believe.

I want you to know that I believed what the disciples and Jesus told me in the Bible. I accepted His great plan. I had godly sorrow for my sins. I confessed my sins to Jesus. I begged Him to forgive me and He did. Then I wanted to be filled with the Holy Spirit. As I gave myself to the Lord, and all that I had, and was completely willing to do all that He asked me to do, I was filled with the Holy Spirit. Oh, the joy that it brought to my life! I think God's way and the plan of God is wonderful. I hope you will do the same.

As the disciples listened to Jesus telling them to wait in Jerusalem and of how they would be filled with the Holy Spirit, who would give them power over the devil, they knew that He would soon leave them. Suddenly, they saw Him rise up into the sky and a cloud covered Him from their sight. As they stood there gazing upward, two angels told them that Jesus would come again in like manner. But then, Jesus will be our Judge and not our Saviour.

— Aunt Marie

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**Lesson 6, May 9, 1976**

## **JESUS ASCENDS TO HEAVEN**

**Matt. 28:16, 18-20; 1 Cor. 15:5-7;**

**Acts 1:3-11**

Matt. 28:16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

18 And Jesus came and spake unto

them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

1 Cor. 15:5 And that he was seen of Cephas then of the twelve:

6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

Acts 1:3 To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Memory Verse: Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb. 12:2

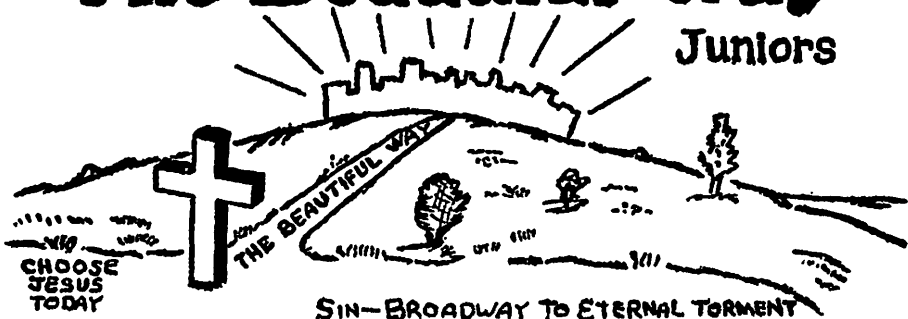
#### QUESTIONS:

1. Where did the disciples go?
2. Who has all power in heaven and in earth?
3. What did Jesus tell the disciples to do?
4. What were they to teach them to observe?
5. How long would Jesus be with them?
6. Name two people who saw Jesus.
7. How many others saw Jesus all at the same time?
8. Do you know what "infallible proofs" are?
9. How many days was Jesus seen of His disciples?
10. What was the command Jesus gave His disciples?
11. What were they to be baptized with before long?
12. What was the Holy Ghost to do for them?
13. What happened to Jesus as the disciples were watching?
14. Who stood by the disciples?
15. What did they tell them?

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## The Unseen Hand and Still Small Voice

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It was hard to part with school and church friends in Indiana, but Father traded their farm for one in New Mexico, so the family moved there. Ann was in high school.

The social customs and entertainments were quite different from those which Ann had been used to. The chief entertainment was a community dance every Saturday night—and community it was, because almost everyone gathered there. Some came to furnish music, some to dance, and others to sit on benches around the wall and watch. With reluctance and misgivings, Ann adjusted to the change. She didn't like the late hours, otherwise she didn't know just why she couldn't whole-heartedly accept the new way of life (It was not because of evils connected with dancing because the real nature of that was hidden from her like the nature of the weasel had been years before).

When school started, there were greater adjustments. The nearest high school was many miles away. Narena had finished high school and had taken enough

college to qualify her to teach, so she taught at home while Ann with her two younger sisters rented an apartment in Espanola, a distant town, where they could go to high school.

God mercifully guarded and protected through the following years when she was no longer under the sheltering wings of her parents. She also owes much gratitude for the protection to the strictness of her father and the love and teaching of her mother. She honored them and desired to please them even when they could not see what she was doing.

She met many of life's weasels. One was a strange young man who came to their door and offered enticements to get Ann to go with him. She was ignorant of the danger of something like that, but the Still Small Voice and the Unseen Hand combined their efforts to protect her. She did not go. One winter circumstances threw her into the company of a young divorced man often — not as a boy-friend, but the association caused a fondness to develop which could have been dangerous. She did not know that the Bible taught *against* marrying a divorced person. Again, the Unseen Hand protected. At another time she was enticed to go to a large city to enter a school for training

to become a beautician. Her clothes were packed and she was ready to catch the train when a miracle prevented it.

The list could go on and on. When Ann looks back on those years and realizes some of the dangers she escaped, it reminds her of an experience which she had in earlier childhood:

The family took a trip to the Rio Grande valley in Texas in a school bus which Father had worked over inside so they could ride in it by day and sleep in it at night. When their destination was reached one evening, he pulled onto a country road where the land had not been cleared. It was in a rough, wild state, covered with ebony and mesquite brush and tall grass. It was warm and the sand beside the bus was nice so the children slept on pallets on the sand while Mother and Father slept in the bus. They were not afraid because they were ignorant or unaware of the nature of their environment. Later they learned that they had slept in the midst of scorpions, tarantulas, poisonous snakes, and many other undesirable creatures. They could have been bitten and killed.

A good store of hymns and spiritual songs were laid up in Ann's mind in early years, but now they were being replaced by worldly songs. When a new "hit" came out, she learned it and sang it to entertain friends. When girls do not have the love of God in their hearts, the devil puts pride there and a desire to be popular. After moving to New Mexico, Ann had become large of stature, which hindered popularity; but the singing helped to make up for that.

Ann really did not know that her way of life was displeasing to God. She was a church member, she was trying to be honest and moral and positively refused to take up the habits of smoking and drinking like many other girls were doing. She thought she was letting God have part of

her heart—not knowing that He will have all or none—and had once told Him that when she was twenty-one she would give Him all of it. God was ceasing to call so loudly since Ann had slacked up in her interest. She took that as a sign that she was doing pretty good. But sometimes God would permit things to come against her to show her that she was not as good as she thought she was.

Now that Ann was no longer a little child, her nature had changed somewhat. She was not hateful nor spiteful, but it was hard for her to love everybody. She had heard enough Scripture to know that the required that; but she felt that there were some people whom she just could not love.

There was one girl whom Ann did not like at all, and she did not want her around. It seemed that Kate was always doing something which made Ann feel disgusted. She would try not to go places where she would meet up with Kate, but they were neighbors and sometimes were thrown together by different circumstances. Then Ann was tormented with the feeling inside, "I hate her." Sometimes she would try to ease her conscience by doing something nice for Kate, but that would nearly always turn out wrong and cause the hatred for her to be greater. Sometimes Ann wished Kate would go far away and never come back. Oh, how could she ever please the Lord with a girl like Kate around?

—Geneva Ray

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God is love and He wants us to be full of love for Him and everyone.

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"Why did they put grandma in the ground?" asked Mary.

"That was only her body that was put in the ground. Grandma is now in heaven and is alive up there. Someday we can see her again, if we will love Jesus and live for Him."

Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? who can shew forth all his praise? Psal. 106:1,2.

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**LESSON ILLUSTRATION**

Peter	Thomas
James	Judas
John	Simon
Andrew	James
Phillip	Matthew
Bartholomew	

~~Judas Iscariot~~

Matthias

Matthias was  
chosen to take  
Judas' place

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Dear Boys and Girls:

The disciples saw Jesus ascend up into heaven. Oh, the glory of knowing that their Saviour was alive! He had told them that He must leave them and that He would send the Holy Spirit to dwell in their hearts to be their guide in the world. They now would be comforted and have power to tell others about Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. They walked to Jerusalem with solemn thoughts. They gathered in the upper room to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. As they waited and prayed, the Holy Spirit was working already to bring to their minds one duty that need to be taken care of.

Peter was the one who stood up before the 120 that were gathered there that day, and he told them that the scripture must

be fulfilled about someone taking the place of Judas, who had fallen. Poor Judas. He surely never thought that his end would be as it was. Boys and girls, if you do sin, that sin will lead you to another sin, and soon there will be sin upon sin. Oh, how much you need the Lord to help you to live right. Don't forget to pray. Don't forget to ask Jesus to help you to do the right. Keep your heart tender and never yield to the wrong. Remember, the man who is now in jail for stealing or robbing a store or some other crime, started out by doing some little thing that was wrong. He stole some small things and soon he began taking bigger things. Oh, never yield to the devil. His end for you is to get you into deep trouble.

Peter told the 120 that day of how the 30 pieces of silver, which was given to Judas for telling the rulers where Jesus was and leading them to Him that night, was used to buy a field. Judas took back the money, but the rulers would not take it, but bought a field with it. Judas had gone out and hanged himself. Matt. 27:5. They buried him in that field, which was called the field of blood. It was a place to bury strangers and others when no place was found for them.

Now Peter said the Bible says that another is to be chosen to take Judas' place. So they chose two men who had walked with them from the beginning of the baptism of John. They wanted some one who knew all the teachings of Jesus, and knew of Him to the last, even to seeing Him ascend up into the clouds.

It isn't clear just how they cast lots, but Clarke Commentary says, "The most simple form was to put two stones, pieces of board, metal, or slips of parchment, with the names of the persons inscribed on them, into an urn (or pot); and after prayer, to put in the hand and draw out one of the lots, and then the case was decided." Matthias was chosen to be numbered with the twelve. — Aunt Marie

## Lesson 7, May 16, 1976

### MATTHIAS CHOSEN

#### Acts 1:13-26

Acts 1:13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter and James, and John and Andrew, Phillip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about a hundred and twenty.)

16 Men and brethren, this Scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

17 For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.

18 Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

19 And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called, in their proper tongue, Acedama, that is to say, The field of blood.

20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and, his bishoprick let another take.

21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken

up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

23 And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias.

24 And they prayed, and said, Thou Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, show whether of these two thou hast chosen,

25 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

26 And they gave forth their lots: and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Memory Verse: For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. 6:2 .

#### QUESTIONS:

1. How many of Jesus' disciples were praying in the upper room?

2. What did they do in the upper room?

3. How many people were there altogether?

4. Who stood up in the midst of the disciples?

5. What did Judas do to betray Jesus?

6. Had Judas been numbered with the disciples?

7. What had happened to Judas and the money he received to betray Jesus?

8. What was the name of the field called?

9. What does the book of Psalms say about Judas?

10. Of whom were they to pick a successor to Judas?

11. Name the two men appointed to choose from.

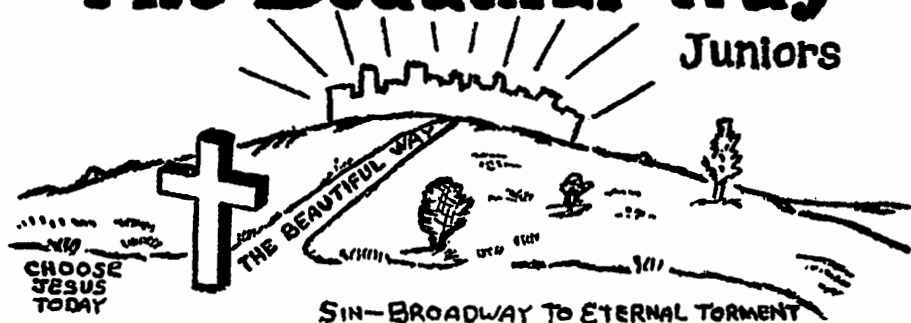
12. What did they do before they chose Judas' successor?

13. On whom did the lot fall?



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Part Eight

May 23

## The Unseen Hand and Still Small Voice

(continued from last issue)

During the years of the "dust bowl" when a drouth caused much top-soil in parts of Oklahoma and Texas to be swept into the air by strong winds, a land agent persuaded many of the people who were hard-hit by the dust to move to a place in the mountains of New Mexico about one hundred miles north-west of Espanola. They bought acreages and built their dwellings. There were high schools in neighboring towns, but a two-room elementary school house was built in the new settlement, also a country store and post office. It was called Rutheron. No church house was built, but people met for Sunday School in the school house, where there was often strong clashing of opinions because of the many denominations represented. Protestants from the neighboring communities also gathered there. Places of worship in that section of New Mexico for Protestants were scarce because most of the people were Catholics.

When Ann graduated from high school, she became a school teacher. At that time New Mexico permitted high school

graduates to teach. They soon raised the standard, but Ann was able to keep up with the requirements by going to school in the summer and teaching in the winter. She taught in different places, but Espanola was still home. Mother and Father returned to Indiana; the three oldest girls remained in New Mexico. After Ann had taught three terms of school elsewhere, she was assigned to the primary grades at Rutheron.

She was now twenty-one and the Lord was faithful to remind her of her promise to give Him her whole heart. The Still Small Voice became louder. One time she was eating with others who brought up the subject of Noah's Ark, and the flood that destroyed all the people who were not in it. A girl who was present spoke up with these words:

"If I had been living then, I would have gone into the ark while the door was open."

Ann said, "I would, t——" she was stopped short by the still small Voice reminding her that she was failing to enter the refuge provided for her now. She said no more, but the thought followed her with its stern warning.

If there had been a brightly shining light among the number of worshipers who met at the school house, Ann would

not have been hard to win, but that was not the case. The devil, seeing he was about to lose a good subject, began to bind his cords a little tighter. She became enchanted with the pleasures which she enjoyed by associations with the young people there. They rode horses, played games, danced, had gatherings in homes, and often gathered at the school house for singings. The songs they sang were hymns, but they sang for entertainment and noise and not for the message contained in them. Ann thought she was enjoying LIFE, not knowing that the Bible says, "she that liveth in pleasure is DEAD while she liveth." 1 Tim. 5:6.

Sometimes people who are living in pleasure think the pleasure is harmless and that the Lord does not care if they pursue that course. The pleasure may not be so harmless as they think. Everything we do has an influence on someone else. The influence is like seeds that are sown in the ground. When Narena and Ann lived in Wyoming, one sport or pleasure which they enjoyed was to get a dry Russian thistle which had lodged in a fence row—and there were many of them. To that, they would tie a cord and let the wind blow it about over an open field. Sometimes when the wind was strong and the tumble weed (which they called it) was big, it would even seem to pull them. Oh, it was fun, they thought. But what they were really doing was scattering thousands of tiny seeds over the open fields. The seeds would grow and yield more thistles to trouble the farmers.

The song says, "What we are sowing, Surely is growing," and we'll reap what we sow. "We cannot gather wheat for the Garner, If only useless weeds we shall sow."

Ann's harmless pleasures, as she called them, were drowning out the voice of God to some extent. He would deal with her when she didn't have some activity that claimed her attention. At such times

Ann would think she was "bored" and surroundings were "dead," and would manufacture something for entertainment.

The Lord continued to patiently wait and knock for two more years.

— Geneva Ray

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## Dale Asked a Question

"How old are you, sonny?" asked old Mr. Jones.

"I am this many." little Dale said as he held up three fingers.

"Soon you will be as big as your daddy. What are you going to do when you grow up?"

"I am going to be a preacher." little Dale said quickly.

Mr. Jones didn't have much to say, as this surprised him. He thought about how long it had been since he had gone to meeting. He knew that he should. He was not too well, and he might die.

"What are you thinking about, Mr. Jones?" little Dale asked.

"What did you say?" Mr. Jones said as he brought his thoughts back to Dale.

"Are you going to heaven when you die? You look real old, and my mother said Mrs. Brown died 'cause she was old."

"Oh, sure—sure, why, yes, I expect too." Tears were in Mr. Jones' eyes; and when Dale saw them, he told him he ought to be happy if he was going to heaven.

"I don't think you are happy, so I don't think you are going to heaven. I am going to pray for you." Dale said, as he turned to go home because his mother was calling him.

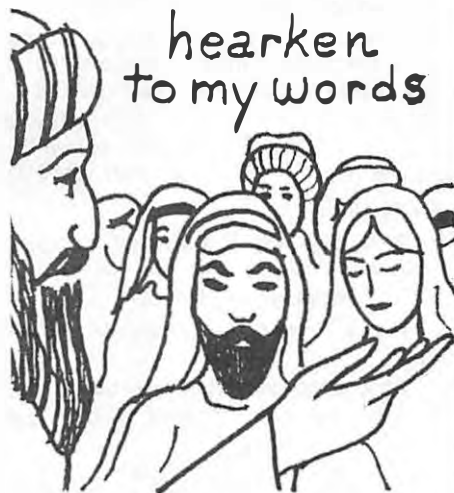
Mr. Jones was thinking and was stirred. He went into the house, and soon he was on his knees praying. He got things cleared up between him and God. He was ready then to live and to die.

Little Dale began to preach at the age of three, and did not wait until he grew up.

— M. Miles

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man, (woman, boy or girl) defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy: for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." 1 Cor. 3:16,17.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

Do you remember Peter when he followed Jesus afar off, after he had been taken by the soldiers and rulers to court and later to be crucified? Then how he denied even knowing Jesus when a girl asked him if he was one of Jesus' followers? But what has happened to Peter now? He is different in our lesson today. He is bold to stand up and tell the people that Jesus was the Messiah and a man "approved by God." He told them that they "by wicked hands have crucified" Him. He didn't seem to be afraid of anyone that day. What had happened to change Peter? Well, the first part of our lesson tells us. He was one of those who had done as Jesus had told them to do. He had tarried in Jerusalem and waited until the Holy Spirit had

come into his heart. He had been told by Jesus that when the Holy Spirit came upon him that he would have power to witness for Jesus. He would have power from God to face others and tell them the truth. He would have power to tell others that they were wrong and that he didn't intend to cover up their wrong. Oh, boys and girls, you need the Holy Spirit to give you power to live right in this world. First, you are to confess your sins. That means all the sins that you have committed. If you have stolen something, you need to tell Jesus all about it and ask Him to forgive you and then take it back. Oh, the devil will try to make you think that people will not like it if you say that you stole something. But, boys and girls, they will love you more for it. They will know that you are truly honest or you wouldn't be making the things right that you did wrong. Don't believe the devil. He is a liar. After you have been forgiven of your sins, then you are ready to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus said that God is more willing to give you the Holy Spirit than your parents are willing to give you gifts. So have faith to believe that He will do that. Then you will have power to be bold like Peter. You must use the power that God gives to you.

Notice, too, in our lesson that there were people there in Jerusalem from every nation in the world. God wanted all of them to know that the Holy Spirit had come. Each of them heard the gospel that day in their own language. That was a miracle. Today, we do not need to talk in other languages because all of us can speak English. Remember that they talked in a language, and not a jabber as some want to teach today.

Notice also that it says that the Holy Spirit would come upon the men and women and they both would prophesy or preach. So today, women can preach the gospel under the anointing of the Holy Spirit as well as men. —Aunt Marie

## Lesson 8, May 23, 1976

### PETER'S SERMON

#### Acts 2:1, 4-8, 12-16, 18, 21-24

Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that very man heard them speak in his own language.

7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans?

8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

12 And all were amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven lifted his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judea, and all ye that swell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

22 Ye men of Israel hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know;

23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

Memory Verse: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Acts 2:21

#### QUESTIONS:

1. What day was it when the disciples were with one accord in one place?

2. What happened on that day?

3. Who else were at Jerusalem at that time?

4. What happened when all the people heard the disciples speaking in other languages?

5. What were they amazed at?

6. Did the people understand what was happening?

7. What did some say was wrong with the disciples?

8. Who stood up to preach to all the people?

9. What did Peter say had come to pass?

10. What was to happen when the Holy Spirit came?

11. Who can be saved today?

12. How was Jesus approved among the people?

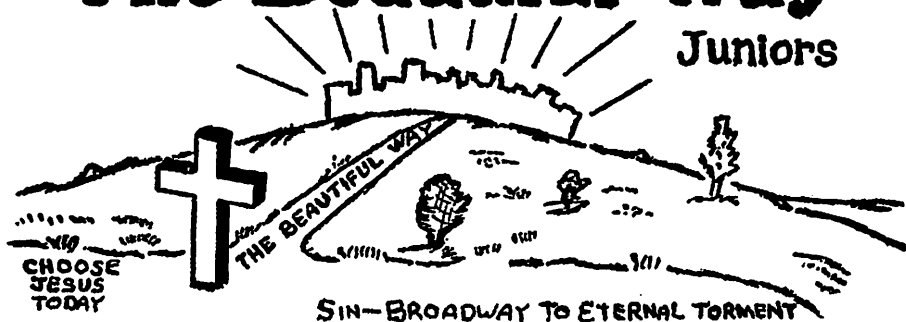
13. What did Peter tell the people they had done to Jesus?

14. Had God planned all of this to happen?

15. Was it possible for death to hold Jesus?

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Part Nine

May 30

## The Unseen Hand and Still Small Voice

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"Until he find it" are words which Jesus used to picture to our minds the determined effort of the Shepherd who had gone over the mountains, seeking for his one lost sheep. Even when the devil tormented Ann with fears that God through His Word had consigned her to hell, the Great loving Shepherd was trying to reveal to her the truth that He wanted her safe in His arms, "Safe on His gentle breast." He is not willing that any should perish, but that ALL should come to repentance. Now, when other efforts had failed to reach her, He stretched forth his Hand in a very outstanding and extraordinary way.

A depression had hit, so schools were having to close a month early because of lack of funds. About a week before Ann's closed, word was received that a missionary was to speak at the school house on Sunday night. He and his wife had been laboring in China, supported by the Oriental Missionary Society. Their funds were low, so they called him back to tour the eastern states to acquaint people with the work in China so they would be more generous with their support.

Since it had been a missionary who had brought the message to Ann that caused her to realize that God is real and will hear and answer prayer, she had a special feeling of love for missionaries.

His message was not an evangelistic type, but he told about changes that were being wrought in China by means of the gospel. His wife talked a little and taught the congregation a chorus in Chinese. Ann was very interested in it all and learned the chorus readily. After the service, she made her way to the front to talk to them about China. But the missionary did not want to talk about China. Instead, he asked about her soul's condition. Until now, when talking to people, she had hidden behind a profession of church membership and would have answered others with the affirmation that she was a Christian; but something about him made her unable to do that. He pointed out the great need of her becoming a Christian, and she answered, "I don't know how."

His wife spoke thus, "If you wanted to, you could know how because the Bible says, 'Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with ALL your heart.'" Jer. 29:13.

The words struck Ann like a dart. She didn't know whether to be peeved or hurt.

She started toward home with thoughts like a turbulent river surging through her mind; such as, "She insinuated that I don't want to." With that thought, she was stopped in her tracks by the still small Voice which asked, "Do you REALLY WANT to?" There was a struggle; she had to be honest with that Voice. Did she really want to? Finally the answer came, "Yes, Lord, I do!"

She went to her room to deal with the Saviour and He with her. He showed her some things she had done wrong and she promised to make them right. For a moment a heavy darkness enshrouded her; then a great peace flooded her being. The Voice spoke, "This day is salvation come to this house." Oh, what joy! She was born again. With much earnestness, Ann sang, "He stood at my heart's door 'mid sunshine and rain, and patiently waited an entrance to gain, What shame that so long He entreated in vain! For He is so precious to me." At the same time the Great Shepherd proclaimed, "Rejoice, I have found my sheep!" "And the angels echoed around the Throne, 'Rejoice! for the Lord brings back His own!'"

People could not understand why the missionary had come to Rutheron. It was a hundred miles out of his way; he had to come over narrow, winding mountainous roads far from a main highway; he did not know even one person in Rutheron; and there was no money waiting for him there. But Ann knew why.

"Over the mountain where lonely I wandered,

Jesus, my Saviour, came looking for me."

— Geneva Ray

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## **Jim Sees Jesus**

Tom was an eight year old boy who lived next door to Jim. Jim was eight, also. But Jim could not see. Jim could not play ball or run with his dog, Boots.

Jim didn't get to go to school where Tom did. He went to a special school for the blind. Jim liked to have Tom come over and read to him. One day they were sitting on the porch listening to the rain on the porch roof. The rain made a dreary sound and Jim was feeling sad and unhappy. But Tom was happy. He liked the rain and he wanted Jim to be happy and to learn to like the rain that God sent.

"Isn't the rain nice? It's so cool and refreshing."

Jim replied, "No, I don't like the rain. It is dreary and makes me sad. Why does it have to rain on Saturday? I wanted you to take me for a walk to the park today, but now we have to sit here and do nothing." Tom didn't know how to tell Jim that the rain was one of God's gifts to us.

Tom had prayed that morning that he would be able to help someone love Jesus that day.

"Jim, let me read to you for a while. I'll read out of the Bible today. In James 1:17, it says, 'Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.' Jim, just think of all the things we would be without, if God didn't send rain. We wouldn't have water to drink. There would be no pretty flowers to smell and no soft green grass to sit on under the shade tree. I think Jesus is good to us when He sends rain. He always stops the rain and then we have nice, warm sunshine. Say, remember the rainbow I told you I saw in the sky last time after it rained? Do you know why there are rainbows? God said that He makes the rainbow in the sky for a covenant to the people that He will never destroy the earth by a flood again. You know Jim, I think God is real good to let the rain come and then let it stop. If it rained all the time, it would soon flood and then the people couldn't live here. If it never rained at all

it would be so hot. No one likes it when it's too hot all of the time. So God is good to us and gives us a variety of weather. Sometimes it is hot, and sometimes rainy, and sometimes it snows. So even though I can't take you for a walk today, I'm glad that God won't let it just rain on and on. He will stop it after a while and then we can take a walk. Maybe tomorrow you can go to Sunday School with me. And if it is raining, we can walk in the rain.

Jim sat thinking. He knew Tom was right. It always did stop raining. He did like the nice smell after the rain. Yes, God was good to send the rain and also to stop it.

"Tom," said Jim, "I would like to go to Sunday School with you tomorrow. Let us learn a Bible verse about God giving rain to us.

"Okay," said Tom. "How about Acts 14:17. 'Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.'"

"That sounds all right," said Jim. So together they spent the afternoon learning their Sunday School verse, and looking forward to Sunday and their walk to church even if it did rain. — D. B.

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"More like Christ every day,  
More like Christ, my heart doth say."

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**LESSON ILLUSTRATION**



**Dear Boys and Girls:**

Our lesson is about the sermon that Peter preached and how it caused those who heard him to be "pricked in their heart." Did you ever get pricked by some thorns on a rose bush? You thought the rose was beautiful and you wanted to pick it to take to your mother but you got stuck by the thorns. Or you may have wanted the rose to put in a vase and set it on the table. Being pricked hurts. It surely gets your attention. You want to get the thorn out or you want to do something to cause the hurting to stop. It is sad when a person refuses to pick a nice rose for their mother just because they do not like to be pricked. Let us think about the person that the Bible calls the "Rose of Sharon." Who do you think He is? Yes, it is Jesus. Well, He wants to be your Rose. But first, there is a pricking in your heart to cause you to desire Him. When you hear about Jesus and how much He loves you, then it pricks your heart. You think of how good and wonderful He must be to be willing to take your punishment and let you go free. Every sin has to be punished, so when you hear about His love, there is a pricking that takes place in your heart. "Oh, I am so sorry that I sinned against such a wonderful Saviour and Friend. I do want to please Him; I want Him to know that I love Him. What can I do to make Him know that I love Him?" You feel so hurt that you have displeased Him, so, with tears, you ask His forgiveness. Jesus forgives you and how happy you are. You then have the Rose of Sharon for your very own Rose. He will love you and be your very best Friend.

That day when the people heard Peter's sermon, they repented of their sins. They gave their hearts to Jesus and then the next thing they wanted to do was to be baptized. When you love Jesus, you want to please Him and He has told us to be baptized. Our lesson says that they "gladly received Peter's word and were baptized

... the sameday ... about three thousand souls." They loved each other and when they saw others in need, they sold what they had and divided with them. What love flowed from person to person. Boys and girls, today we must love every one. Speak nice to others and about them. Have a forgiving love for every person. Be peaceable and love Jesus most of all, who is your Rose of Sharon. — Aunt Marie

## Lesson 9, May 30, 1976

### THOUSANDS SAVED FROM SIN

#### Acts 2:36-47

Acts 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul: and

many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart.

47 Praising God, and having favour with all people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Memory Verse: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Rom. 10:10.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Who was made Lord and Christ?
2. What does "pricked in their heart" mean?
3. What question did the people ask Peter and the apostles?
4. What did Peter tell them to do?
5. What gift would they receive after they were saved?
6. To whom is the promise of the Holy Ghost given?
7. Would that include us today?
8. How did they receive Peter's word?
9. What else did they do?
10. How many were saved that day?
11. What did they continue doing?
12. What effect did all this have upon the people?
13. What did they do with their possessions and goods?
14. Were the people who got saved glad? Read the verse that tells you so.
15. What do you think "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved," means?



# The Beautiful Way

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Part Ten

June 6

## The Unseen Hand and Still Small Voice

(continued from last issue)

What a wonderful change in my life has  
has been wrought  
Since Jesus came into my heart!  
I have light in my soul for which long I  
have sought  
Since Jesus came into my heart!

The flowers were more beautiful, also the sky and trees, all around seemed to be changed into a Garden of Eden, even the birds sang a new song—the new song was in Ann's soul and the change was in her. The song about Jesus coming into the heart had long been a favorite among the young people to make noise, but now she knew in her heart what it meant. Years ago when she heard the missionary speak, she noticed a light in her eyes and had also noticed it in the eyes of a few others. She looked in the mirror to see if it was now in hers. She couldn't tell, but she knew it was in her soul.

Changes were to be made in her manner of life, too. She had two rings which had been something like an idol to her. One was her senior class ring and the other

her birthstone. The morning after the Lord had saved her, she was combing her hair when the reflection of the rings flashed in the mirror and a still small Voice spoke, "Why are you wearing them?" Any answer she could think of would not be a good reason to give to the Lord, so she took them off. Later she learned that the Voice was in harmony with Bible instructions, but she did not know it then.

A new song filled her heart, so there was no more room for worldly songs. Joking and foolishness were no longer a part of her life, tho' they had been what she called a family trait. She had never taken the Lord's name in vain (cursed), but had used slang. That was dropped. She knew that she did not want to dance, but that was a problem for which she needed special help from the Lord. Some would not understand. She went out under a tree, which was her secret place of prayer, and there He promised to help her. Since school was closing, it was to be her farewell dance, and she knew a young man was coming after her. When she announced her decision not to go, there was great astonishment. Some were dumbfounded. God closed their mouths, and Ann won a victory.

The Lord instructed her with the Scripture, "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." That meant she would need to tell what the Lord had done for her. She was anxious to go home to tell loved ones and friends there.

There, Ann met Kate. It had been some time since she had seen Kate, so she had not thought about her hatred for her. This time she was overjoyed when she saw her: there wasn't one trace of the old hatred in her heart! Kate was a Catholic and when Ann told her that she had gotten saved, Kate laughed in her face, but it did not irritate Ann. She kindly told her to go ahead and laugh because she had it coming; she would have laughed at anyone who had told her that in former times.

Kate said, "Well, I wasn't laughing at you, but at the idea. Do you mean that you are now sure of heaven?"

Ann explained to her that she did not mean that. The Lord had forgiven and saved her from sin (she no longer had to sin in thought, word, and deed), but she would have to endure unto the end to be sure of heaven. Kate seemed to accept the change in Ann better than many others did.

She thought all of her relatives and friends would want the wonderful joy that she had found as soon as they heard about it. She was surprised when they did not. One by one they dropped her and did not seem to want her around any more. It hurt to see them reject her Beloved, but she did not let it hinder her.

One night Kate wanted to attend Catholic services in a near-by town, Santa Cruz, and there was no one else to take her, so Ann did. As Kate left the car to join the multitude of people who were moving around outside the Catholic building, Ann's heart was moved with compassion because she knew they were in greater darkness than she had been. She wanted to help them, but knew not how.

Ann drove around some and came to a group of large buildings where a sign told her it was a Mission. That interested her, so she was soon knocking at the door of what she supposed was the parsonage. It was the home of the mission superintendent. After talking awhile, he told her that their primary teacher was being sent to the East and they had no one to take her place. Would Ann do it? Ann was overjoyed! For different reasons, she could recognize it as the work of the Unseen Hand. She was able to wield an influence for God among the Spanish speaking students who were attending the mission. Her short stay there was a happy one even though she realized some of the workers did not accept all the Scriptures she presented to them. In some, she could see light and life.

She had had a strong desire to be baptized, and here she found an elderly preacher whom she believed to be saved, and he was willing to baptize her. She felt a great joy and peace when she was lowered into the flowing waters of the Rio Grande River. She had learned in former days that that feeling meant the Lord was pleased with her. —Geneva Ray

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## **Never Drink Liquor**

"Look at that drunk man," Betty cried. "He is about to fall."

"He came out of that door over there," Sally explained. "Did you know that the Bible says that every man that sells liquor to anyone or gives it to him is under a curse?"

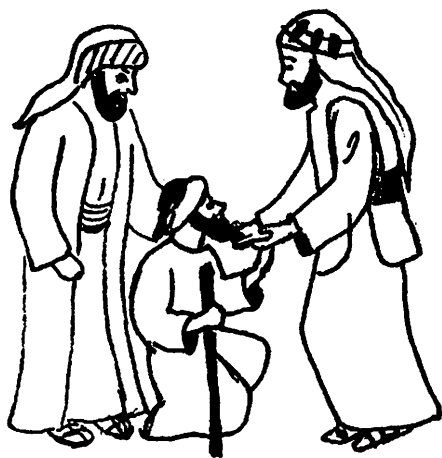
"Where does it say that?" asked Betty. "I don't know, but my mother knows. That is what she told us the other night. She begged us to never drink nor ever give it to anyone else. She meant it because she wiped tears from her eyes," Sally said. The two girls were soon at Sally's house and her mother read to them

from the Bible, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him." Hab. 2:15. — M. Miles

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"Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. Psa. 41:1.  
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## LESSON ILLUSTRATION

### Rise and walk



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Dear Boys and Girls:

Did you ever have Jesus heal you when you were sick? When Jesus was here on earth He healed the sick and did many wonderful things for a lot of people. He made the crippled to walk, the blind to see, and the deaf to hear. Jesus is still alive and is still healing today. We must have faith to believe that He heals. Jesus has healed me many times. He will heal your headache. Many people take aspirin or pills for headaches, but boys and girls, I am 62 years old and I have never taken one in my life. I just pray and Jesus heals me. Isn't that wonderful? Oh, I could

tell you so many things that Jesus has healed me of, but in our lesson we read about a lame man being healed. The disciples had seen Jesus heal and Jesus told them to go forth and heal the sick after He was gone back up into heaven. Now we read about them doing just what Jesus told them to do. How wonderful!

No doubt this lame man had heard about Jesus but maybe he had never been taken close to Jesus. We don't know any details about the man, but our lesson tells us that he had been lame from his birth. How sad it would be for you dear boys and girls to not be able to run, jump and walk. But one thing we must always thank God for and that is good legs to use. And also, when you see another boy, girl, man, or woman who can't walk well, you must never make fun of that one. Oh, how terrible it is for boys and girls to make fun of others who have something different about them than others. It is so cruel. The person might laugh, but then they will go home and cry themselves to sleep. How terrible it is for you to cause someone so much sorrow. I am sure that you will be punished for such awful things. There was a girl in my class who had a flat nose and many boys and girls would push their nose down and look at her and laugh. This hurt her deeply, but I made a good friend of her. I never did say anything about her nose to her. I felt real good that I did the right thing, and even today I feel good about it.

So this dear man had been lame from his birth. All through his childhood he could not walk like other boys and girls. But what a wonderful miracle took place in his life. No wonder he leaped and shouted all over the place. People heard him and came running. They wanted to honor Peter, but he said that it was through the name of Jesus that the lame man was made to walk. Jesus is the one to honor. I wonder what they thought about that because not too many days before, they had killed Jesus, but today He is alive and is

still healing all who come to Him and have faith.

— Aunt Marie

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## Lesson 10, June 6, 1976

### LAME MAN HEALED

#### Acts 3:1-13, 16

Acts 3:1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And He gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

12 And when Peter saw it, he answered

unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power of holiness we had made this man to walk?

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, and God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

16 And his name, through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Memory Verse: And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. John 14:13.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Peter and John go at the hour of prayer?

2. How long had the man been lame?

3. How did the lame man make his living?

4. What did the man ask Peter for?

5. How did Peter answer the lame man?

6. What happened to the lame man when Peter took him by the hand and raised him up?

7. Tell what happened then.

8. What did all the noise bring about?

9. Did the people know who the man was who was leaping and shouting?

10. Did they think Peter had done this miracle?

11. How did Peter answer them?

12. Did Peter take the glory for the healing?

13. Read the 16th verse and tell what it means.

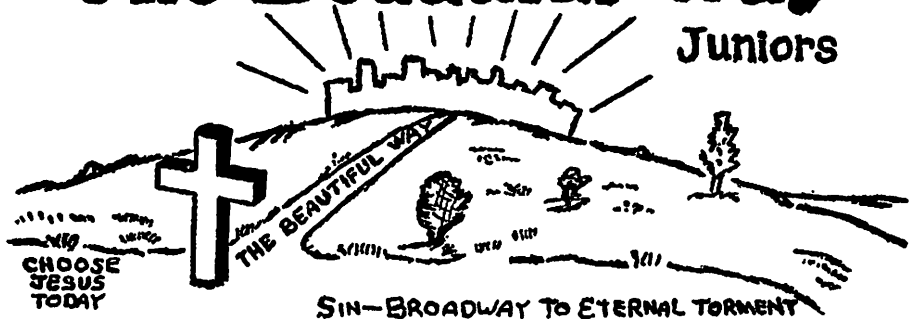
14. Do you believe the promise in our memory verse is still true today?

15. Is God healing His children today?

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## The Unseen Hand and Still Small Voice

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The darkness which had engulfed Ann in former days had been great and she realized it. The Lord did not open her spiritual eyes to all of His bright light at one time. That would have been too much for her. It seemed that each day He had some new lesson for her. While at the mission, He inspired her to influence others to pray with her for a young man who had a critical incurable heart ailment. The Lord healed him. That was her first knowledge of Divine healing.

Part of her darkness was caused by the teachings of the denomination which she had joined years before, so she wrote and asked that her name be removed from their book. She wanted to be only the Lord's and obey all of the Bible, but she desired to worship with others, so she went from place to place to find the right one. At one place, they accepted her as being saved, but would not allow her to partake of the Lord's Supper although a young man who was living in open sin was allowed to because he had joined the de-

nomination and she had not. She knew Jesus would not do it that way.

When she went to college that summer, she was in a town of many denominations. She searched for truth in a number of them. One, in a very jubilant way taught about a wonderful rapture and Millennial Reign that was to come. She had never heard of that teaching before, but for some reason the still small Voice was not telling her to rejoice with them. It seemed like a foreign language, very unreal, and it didn't mix with the light in her soul any more than water mixes with oil. At one place, a woman beside her started jerking and acting strangely. That, too, was foreign. At one place where she thought they had a good name above the door, she heard them say that our obedience in baptism saves us, then the men lit cigarettes as soon as they went out the door. Again, she heard not "the voice of the Bride nor the Bridegroom."

The devil had worked hard against Ann, causing some hard trials, but as she stood true the Lord would bless her. The devil saw he could not recapture her by trials, so he changed his way of working. He got her to become so taken up with studies that she neglected to pray as she should. Then when she was weak in her soul, his

imps would gather around her and show her the many pleasures that she had given up. She was young and the imps would tell her she was all alone in the world and would never have friends if she did not give up. He told her that some day she would want to get married and have a home of her own and the boys would not have anything to do with her if she kept saved. One woman had told her that boys didn't like girls when they were too good. These lies did not turn Ann, but they weakened her.

After she returned to Rutherton to teach, a new family there had some preachers and gospel workers from Guthrie, Okla., to come and hold a meeting. People in the community showed very little interest, and even Ann did not accept them wholeheartedly. Their singing was poor and it seemed like they were stubborn along some lines.

As the messages went forth from night to night, the still small Voice witnessed to Ann's soul that it was truth. They taught that we are born in to the Lord's church by a spiritual birth; if we abide in Him we will have fellowship with all others who are born again. All born-again souls working as their Lord directs and meeting together for worship compose His church, The Church of God; and denominations are divisional tools not belonging to God. So convinced was she that this was IT, that she cast aside all prejudice and purposed to talk to Bro. Pruitt to acknowledge her acceptance. But just then, the devil struck a fatal blow by getting the man who had asked them to come to do something wrong. Ann said in her heart, "I don't want to be numbered with people who do such things." For more than a year, she walked no more with the Lord.

Jesus loves the souls of all people. He shed His precious blood to redeem them back to God, so they are precious in His sight. He will not cease striving with

them unless they rebel against Him, and Ann had not. One night she heard the song, "I can hear my Saviour calling." It so pierced her heart that she wept bitterly. In her mind she could see Him standing at a distance, holding out His arms to her in a loving manner, calling and calling. She had loved Him so dearly; He had blessed her and had been good to her; she had promised to follow Him all the way, but had not kept that promise. Now she was very unhappy.

People wondered what had happened to her. She used to be happy, but now, though she seemed to be in good health and went about the duties of life as usual, something was wrong. The usual smile was gone. There was much talk about the change. Ann's music teacher was especially concerned, so one day when she went for her lesson, she said, "What is wrong with you? You are young, yet you never get out with other young people and enjoy yourself. You are wasting your life, and you must snap out of this and quit being so serious-minded or you will lose your mind." She suggested several things for Ann to do and insisted that she follow her advice. Ann made no reply. As she walked home, tears blinded her eyes. In her heart she was praying, "Lord, I don't want silly pleasures; I want you and your love again." He was looking for her, but it took her some time to understand that. Over and over she would ask herself, "Why? oh, why? oh, why did I ever give Him up?"

— Geneva Ray

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## Poison in Tobacco

"Did you smoke that cigarette?" Randy asked Richard. "I saw you drop it." "You better not tell on me," Richard declared.

"Didn't you know that tobacco has poison in it that is called nicotine?" Randy told Richard. "My dad told me that the Indians used to poison their arrows by

dipping them into nicotine and when those arrows were shot into people, it caused them to have convulsions and often they died from those wounds. I'm never going to smoke that tobacco and get poison in my lungs."

"Well, I'm not going to do it any more either," Richard decided. "I really do not like it but some of the boys gave it to me and dared me to smoke it. I dropped it as soon as I got out of their sight."

— M. Miles

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What do you think this world would be like if Jesus had never arisen from the grave?

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Dear Boys and Girls:

In our lesson last Sunday we read about Peter and John healing the lame man through the name of Jesus Christ. After he was healed, the people gathered and thought that it was through Peter and John's power that he was healed, but Peter preached them a sermon. He told them that it was through the power of Jesus Christ that the man was healed. As Peter was preaching, the Captain of the temple, the Sadducees and the priest came up where the crowd had gathered and of course they were told about the healing of the lame man. They were enraged. They thought they had gotten rid of Jesus by putting Him on the cross and now His followers were doing miracles in His name. They were going to put a stop to that so it would not spread any further. They laid hold on John and Peter and rushed them off to jail. But one thing they had to think about—there were about 5,000 that believed on Jesus Christ and were saved. They feared that there might be trouble if they did too much to them. They wanted to kill Peter and John like they did Jesus, but they were afraid of the people. I am sure that they had a lot of stormy discussions as to what to do with them now that they had them in jail.

What about Peter and John in jail? I wonder how they felt? They were not educated men. They were just common fishermen and they were just used to going about their own business and therefore did not have any trouble. But now, since they had met Jesus, they had been in a lot of trouble. I wonder if the devil tried to make them think that they might as well just quit trying to obey Jesus. He had told them to preach the gospel. He had told them to preach it first in Jerusalem, and then in all Judea. They were obeying Him but now that they were in jail, what should they do? What if this were you there in jail? Well, our lesson tells us what Peter and John did. They just continued to love Jesus and did not change one bit. Boys and girls, you will have troubles in this life, but don't let those troubles cause you to change about loving and obeying Jesus. You will come out on the right side if you will just stand firm and true to Jesus. He will see you through. One time Jesus told the disciples to "fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matt. 10:28. That is such a comforting thought. They can kill the body but that will free the soul to go to heaven which is a much better place than this world. But if we do wrong and obey the devil, we will be cast into hell with him. That would be horrible. So, boys and girls, Jesus will bring you out of trouble just like He brought John and Peter out of trouble. Peter was bold to tell them they had crucified Jesus and God had raised Him up again. He was the stone that they had rejected. He was the One they were going to serve and the One who had healed the lame man. Notice that after Peter got through talking, our lesson says that the rulers took note that Peter and John "had been with Jesus." Oh, we want to live so others can know that we have talked to Jesus and have given our lives to Him.

— Aunt Marie

## **Lesson 11, June 13, 1976**

### **PETER AND JOHN PUT IN PRISON**

#### **Acts 4:1-13, 23**

Acts 4:1 And as they (Peter and John) spake unto the people, the priests and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,

6 And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders which is become the head of the corner.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

23 And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.

Memory Verse: Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 5:10.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Why were the priests and rulers grieved at the preaching of Peter and John?

2. What did the rulers do to Peter and John?

3. How many had believed the word of Peter and John?

4. Name those who gathered the next day to condemn Peter and John.

5. What question did they ask Peter and John?

6. How did Peter answer them so boldly?

7. What was the deed they were examined for?

8. By whose name was the man healed?

9. Who was the stone "set at nought by the builders"?

10. In whom is salvation?

11. What name is given among men by which we must be saved?

12. Were Peter and John scared?

13. How do you know?

14. Were Peter and John educated men?

15. What was outstanding about John and Peter?

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The Saviour heard Ann's cries of distress and showed her, through a personal experience, why she had fallen.

She loved to ride horses, so while she was teaching, she kept a horse belonging to someone else for its feed. She rode it often. It was necessary to go to the county seat, Tierra Amarilla, once a month. It was seven miles following the road, but only four via a short-cut. The Chama River, which was considered one of the swiftest in the world because of its fast descent from the mountains, flowed between Rutheron and Tierra Amarilla and there was no bridge over it on the short-cut. Ann had crossed it on horseback in the fall. Now it was April and she planned to cross it again, not realizing that the thawing snow in the mountains had caused it to be many times larger than it was in the fall. People forded the river with different vehicles when it was low, so there was a roadbed there, and it was at that place that Ann started to cross, thinking it would be the easiest and best place.

The water was deeper than she had expected and alarmingly swift. When the water got up to the stirrups, both she and the horse hesitated. She doubted her ability to cross, but did not want to turn back. Suddenly a man appeared on a high bank on the other side of the river. She was surprised because it wasn't a place where one would expect to see a man, but she was glad for his presence. He motioned for her to turn back. She didn't for one minute doubt his ability to direct her, so she obeyed. Then he motioned for her to go down the river to a place which seemed to be the roughest, rockiest, and widest place in the river. Again, she trusted his ability to guide.

He stood on the other shore and directed each step and turn to take without saying a word; but she understood. She progressed so long as she kept her eyes upon him; but each time she would look down at the river, the movement of the rough waves would make her dizzy and she would almost fall off.

When she reached the other shore, the man had disappeared. She often wondered if he was an angel—anyway, God had provided him to save her life. The next day she learned, by talking to others who were acquainted with the river, that the old

road-bed where she had started to cross was the deepest place in the river, and that there was a strong undercurrent there. The owner of the horse told her that it was a miracle she got across at any point because the horse was no good at crossing water.

Ann understood the lesson the Lord was teaching her. He has crossed the river of life and stands on the other shore to guide us across. If we attempt to choose our own way—the one that seems to be the smoothest—we will be caught in an undercurrent and drowned in deep waters. Undercurrents are numerous in the world. Or, if we start out to pursue the course which He shows us but take our eyes off Him to look at the dashing waves, we shall become dizzy and fall. The only safe way is to find the Guide and keep our eyes upon Him, ever mindful to do His bidding.

Ann had fallen by taking her eyes off the Guide and looking at someone around her. But now she asked Him to be her Guide again.

She expected Him to send some other preacher to Ruthron, but instead, He made her to know that He had sent His servants before for her to obtain help which she did not accept; now she would have to do the going.

She knew that Bro. Pruitt did some printing besides his preaching, but she didn't know what he printed nor the nature of it. One day she saw on a desk in her school room a paper with the name, "Faith and Victory." She picked it up to look at it. The articles were good. She read in the editorial section by Bro. Pruitt, that they were in need of someone to help in the print shop. The still small Voice said, "That is for you; you must go." That was a blow to her. She didn't have a very good opinion of Oklahoma and chose not to go. But she dare not refuse, so she wrote to Bro. Pruitt, telling him about her impression.

Days passed, then a letter came in answer to hers. Bro. Pruitt discouraged her about going which seemed very strange, and besides, he was expecting his daughter to return from California, then he wouldn't need outside help.

She was relieved and thought that would be the end of it; but again the Lord spoke, "I told you to go." School would soon be out, so she prepared to go. Bro. Pruitt had said that she could come for a visit and to get spiritual help, so she decided that was what she would do.

When she arrived, she learned that his daughter had decided not to return from California and they were desperately in need of help.

She had never seen a Linotype machine, but she was told her job would be to operate it. It was very large and complicated. There was no one to teach her, but Bro. Pruitt and his young daughter showed her what little they knew. Her first day was exceedingly hard and nerve-racking. That night she, in agony, took her case to the Lord in fervent prayer. She couldn't possibly do the work expected of her unless He would perform a miracle and show her how—and that is what He did. She set type for the "Faith and Victory" paper, but the Unseen Hand really did it.

— Geneva Ray

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## Father's Day Gift

"What are you doing up so early?" Daddy asked Mary. She was standing in the kitchen grinning.

"Here! This is for you!" Mary said, as she handed to her daddy a box all wrapped up so pretty. "This is your Father's Day gift. I couldn't wait until morning to give it to you. Mother didn't want me to tell you, but she helped me buy it as I didn't have quite enough money."

"Oh, you are such a big wonderful girl!" Daddy said as he unwrapped the package

and looked at the house slippers. "That is just what I needed. I'll wear them this afternoon when we come home from church," Daddy said as he kissed his girl.

— M. Miles

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"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Gen. 1:1.

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**LESSON ILLUSTRATION**

Thou hast lied  
unto God



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Dear Boys and Girls:

One time a little boy watched his mother crack eggs and let the insides drop into the frying pan. He had seen her do this a lot of times, but at this time he wanted to see if he could do it. He asked his mother to let him but she was busy and of course, she knew that he might not do it right and cause the egg to drop on the floor or on the draining board. Some days later she came into her kitchen and there were some eggs spilled on the side of the trash box and some inside. She thought she knew who had done it, but she asked the children which one had broken the eggs. Finally,

her boy who had done it, slowly said that he did. She talked to him about how wasteful that was and that he should never do that again. She made him know how wrong it was that he did it but then she added, "But because you told the truth about doing it, I am not going to spank you. If you had lied about it, I would have given you a hard spanking." Boys and girls, lying is a terrible thing to do. It is worse than a few eggs wasted. A person that will tell a lie will do other awful things. It is a horrible sin. Never, never tell a lie, even if it will get you into trouble. It's better to take a spanking here than to burn forever in that awful lake of fire. If you have lied, do rush to the Lord and pray. With godly sorrow and tears, beg the Lord to forgive you. Throw your arms around Mother and ask her forgiveness for lying to her. Clear it all up. If you do not, there is terrible trouble awaiting you. Maybe you think that you could never confess your lies now, but, boys and girls, if you keep on lying, you will get deeper in sin and many other sins will get hold of you. It's best to stop now and not go any farther. Jesus will help you and Mother and others will know you are truly honest if you do confess and clear up a lie.

Our lesson is a good example of how God hates lying. When Ananias and Sapphira had the money, it was theirs and they could do with it as they felt best, but they wanted to act like they were giving all they had and they lied. They only gave part of the money but told Peter they gave all of it. They had not only lied to Peter, but to God. So, boys and girls, when you lie to your parents, you are lying to God also. So do be careful. Be truthful even if you do get a spanking. The spanking will only hurt just a little while, but hell fires burn forever. Your parents love you so much and that is the reason they spank you. They want you to remember to not tell any more lies. They don't want you to go to hell and burn forever.

— Aunt Marie

## Lesson 12, June 20, 1976

### TWO LIARS DIE

#### Acts 5:1-14

Acts 5:1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,

2 And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hast Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto me, but unto God.

5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

6 And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done came in.

8 And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said Yea, for so much.

9 Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.

10 Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.

11 And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

13 And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.

14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both men and women.)

Memory Verse: . . . and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. Rev. 21:8b.

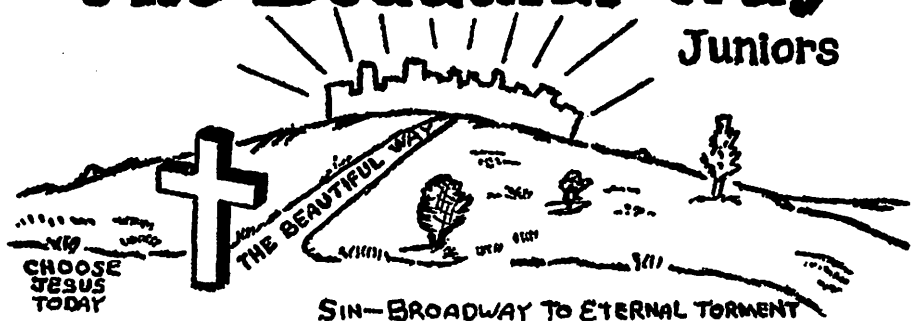
#### QUESTIONS:

1. Who sold a possession?
2. Did they give all the money from their possession?
3. Peter said to Ananias, "Why hast ——— filled thine heart?"
4. What did Satan tell Ananias and Sapphira to do with part of the money?
5. Did they have to give ALL their money?
6. What was wrong about what they did?
7. Is it wrong to lie to God?
8. What happened to Ananias?
9. What did Sapphira tell Peter when she came in?
10. Read aloud the words that tell what Peter said would happen to her.
11. Did those words come to pass?
12. What was the result of these things happening?
13. What things were wrought by the hands of the apostles?
14. Did anyone dare to join themselves to the apostles after this?
15. Explain what verse 14 means in your own words.

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## The Unseen Hand and Still Small Voice

(continued from last issue)

When one falls in the dirt, he gets up, brushes the dirt off, and starts walking again. This is what Ann did. She was baptized again. She wanted to do everything she could in order to be sure she was clear. Now she wanted to be sanctified that she might have "standing grace" in the struggles against Satan and his imps. When she was growing up, the word "sanctification" was never mentioned in her hearing. She was like some people mentioned in the Bible. They were asked, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" They answered, "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." After she was saved and was searching here and there for truth concerning the right church, she heard it mentioned. Through that mention and reading the book of St. John, she received light and understanding that there is another spiritual experience for our souls besides justification. At that time, she was satisfied in her soul and did not feel the need of the "Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost." But her fall caused her to see the need of Him.

Bro. Pruitt and his daughter planned to attend a campmeeting in Hammond, La., after the paper was mailed, and invited her to go along. Only one time in her life did she remember hearing the word "campmeeting." At that time she had asked what it was, and the answer came from a ridiculing unbeliever: "A campmeeting is a place where a bunch of people camp and get all worked up in some kind of spirit." She was willing to go to see for herself.

During the meeting she received much spiritual understanding and the Lord blessed greatly. She had not been able to understand why the saints (the Bible term for all Christians) didn't use musical instruments in worship. That is one thing she had stumbled over when the saints had held the meeting in Rutheron. But after experiencing the blessings of the Lord when singing in the Spirit and understanding, she was whole-heartedly convinced that musical instruments had no place in worship, for they that worship God, Jesus had said, "Must worship Him in spirit and in truth."

The meeting closed and still she was not sanctified.

Their company from Guthrie and some workers from other places, including Sis. .

Watson and Bro. Key, went from the camp-meeting to a place called Loranger for a revival meeting. There was much prayer going up to God for the success of the meeting and other needs. Ann spent much time praying in the woods. The main burden of her heart was to be sanctified. Others entered the burden with her.

Something was troubling Ann's mind, which probably was the cause of her not being able to pray through and receive the Holy Ghost. While she was searching for the right church two years before, she had met some whom she loved and fellowshiped. They, too, were God's people she thought; yet, it seemed to her that these people whom she was with now and who taught the truth about the Church of God, did not want to recognize anyone else as being saved. (She was mistaken about the meaning of some of their statements, because they did not mean it that way). She became very burdened and often wept.

One night in the room where she and Sis. Watson were sleeping together, Sis. Watson started to play an old phonograph which was there. The song on the record happened to be one that Ann had heard in a denominational meeting, sung by a couple whom she counted as being saved. The puzzle of it all was more than she could bear, and she fell on her knees by the bed weeping sorely.

By this time, the saints around her (who had known her but a short time and had observed her vain struggles to be sanctified) had come to the conclusion that she had committed some big ugly sin in the past which she was trying to hide. Sis. Watson knelt beside her and urged her to confess the thing that was troubling her. She told of some terrible things that had been confessed to her in order to encourage Ann to come clear and confess "the terrible thing" in her life. Ann sobbed, "It's just that I don't know what way is right." She told her

about the couple who had sung the song and how she had confidence in them and a few others in denominations. Sis. Watson answered that they may be saved, but if they would walk in God's light, He would lead them out of their dark cages. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and they follow me." Ann could understand that. Sis. Watson also told her that she was so sure this was the right way that she would stand good for Ann's soul in Judgment if Ann would accept it.

Someone else telling her did not satisfy Ann; she wanted to know for herself. Sis. Watson urged her to reach out by faith to God. Ann lifted her head from the bed and it seemed her whole heart was pulling cords to bring something from God into her soul. Suddenly, streams of light like Ann had seen in pictures, came from the ceiling into Ann, and every doubt was swept away. She didn't shout nor make any commotion, but simply said with joy, "Now, I KNOW!" She didn't sleep any that night because of the waves of glory flooding her soul.

Protection and guidance which she had received from the unseen Hand and the still small Voice were works of a guardian angel and the Holy Spirit. Jesus said of the Holy Spirit, "When He is come, He will reprove the world of sin," and "He dwelleth WITH you, and shall be IN you," and "He will guide you into all truth," if you will let Him. —Geneva Ray

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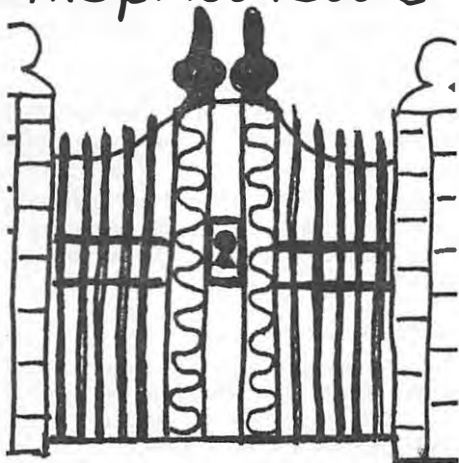
### Boy Got Saved

A Sunday School teacher talked to one of his pupils about being saved and living for the Lord. That boy listened to his teacher and his teacher prayed much for the boy's salvation. The boy was saved and later he became a preacher. That preacher came back to where his former Sunday School teacher lived and held a meeting. The Sunday School teacher's son got saved. We will be well repaid for helping others be saved. — D. Smitt

If you sin, God marks your name out of the book of life.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

the angel opened  
the prison doors



Dear Boys and Girls:

Notice the last verse in our lesson. The disciples rejoiced "that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name." Just to think of all that Jesus suffered for them—they saw Him spit upon, whipped, nails driven through His hands and feet, lifted upon the cross and left there to die. Why did He do all of this? Boys and girls, it was because He had such great love for the disciples, all the people of the world, and for you and me. Oh, how they loved Him and how we love Him today for all that He has done for us! The disciples didn't even feel worthy to suffer because they were called His disciples. They didn't feel worthy to even be named disciples of Jesus. He is so wonderful and great, but they were glad to suffer with Him and that caused the suffering not to hurt so much. Sometimes moth-

ers and fathers have been burned badly by going into the house, when it was on fire, to bring out their children. Oh, they did not mind the suffering, because of their great love for their children.

God was blessing the disciples and they were loving and obeying all the words of Jesus. Jesus had told them that, after He went back to heaven, they would do great miracles in His name. Now we see that it came true, but the same people that hated Jesus hated His disciples. Yet many believed on Jesus because of all that the disciples preached and many of them knew that Jesus was the promised King and Messiah.

Because so many believed on Jesus, through the words of the disciples, the rulers, high priest and the Sadducees laid hands on them and put them in prison. Did God forget them? No, He sent an "angel of the Lord by night" and he "opened the doors, and brought them" out and told them to go to the temple and "speak all the words of this life." What a miracle that was! The disciples were so happy and loved Jesus so much that they boldly went to the temple and began to tell the people about Jesus, the One who had come and died for their sins. The most important thing in life is to know about Jesus. Nothing else is so important.

How surprised the high priest and all the senate of the Israelites were. They were sitting in the council, waiting for the officers to bring in the Apostles. They found out that they were not in the prison but were out preaching in the temple again. The keepers were standing guard as usual and they didn't even know that their prisoners were gone. What a miracle that was and how wonderful it was that God could perform it! Finally, they were brought in from the temple and they were beaten and told not to preach in the name of Jesus again, but they continued preaching.

— Aunt Marie

## Lesson 13, June 27, 1976

### SUFFERING SHAME FOR JESUS

#### Acts 5:16, 18, 19-23, 25-29, 40b-41

Acts 5:16 There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

18 And (the high priests and Sadducees) laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

19 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

21 And when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught, But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

22 But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned and told,

23 Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within.

25 Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people.

26 Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence: for they feared the people, lest they would have been stoned.

27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them,

28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this

name? and behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

29 Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

40b When they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

Memory Verse: Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God. Luke 12:8.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. How many came from the cities that were around Jerusalem, to be healed?
2. What did the high priests and the Sadducees do to the apostles?
3. Who opened the prison doors?
4. What were they told to do?
5. What happened when the council met and sent to the prison for the apostles?
6. What was the report the officers brought back?
7. Where did they find the men they had put in prison?
8. What do you think "brought them without violence" means?
9. Why were they afraid to use violence?
10. What did the high priest ask them?
11. What was Peter's answer?
12. What two things did they do to the apostles?
13. How did the apostles take the beating and threatenings?
14. What is the promise in our memory verse?

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