

# The Beautiful Way



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Part One

Jan. 5

## MARY

A maiden fair of Galilee

Found in the eyes of God regard  
The Mother of the Lord to be;

Her life by sin and shame un-  
scarred.

As thought she on this blessed Gift

Her soul did magnify the Lord;  
Rejoicing did her spirit lift

Devotion all she could afford.

Let us, as she of long ago,

Find grace and favor in His sight

By living humbly, meek and low

And always cleaving to the right.

—Leslie Busbee

## Mary Not a Goddess\*

"Where have you been, children?"

Mother asked. "You have been gone  
so long that I had begun to wonder

\*Parable

about you. I thought you were only  
going to stay just a little while. It  
took you a long time to say hello to  
our new neighbors."

"Oh, Mother, you ought to see  
them!" Alice said with a glow on her  
face. "They are beautiful."

"You mean the new nei- bor's  
babies?" said Mother. "I am sure  
their twins are darling."

"No, she means those st- udes of  
Mary that they have set up all over  
their house," Phillip said with a  
frown. "I don't think they are so  
beautiful. I thought that girl became  
tiresome telling us so much about  
how wonderful Mary, the Mother of  
Jesus, was. She acted as if Mary  
were God."

"Now, Phillip, you better be care-  
ful," said Alice with concern on her  
face. "Julie told us something that  
we didn't know. She said that Mary  
could get Jesus to do anything for us  
when we prayed to her. I didn't  
know that before."

"Huh! I'm not going to pray to  
Mary!" Phillip said. "Whoever heard  
of such a thing before?"

"Now, children, let's not get into an argument," Mother said as she stopped cutting on the dress she had started. "I want you both to listen to me for awhile. Let us talk about Mary and her place in the world."

"Yes, Mother, you will have to tell Alice that we don't pray to Mary or she will be going over there to Julie's and asking her for a statue to set on her dresser, like the heathens!"

"Mary was a wonderful woman and she feared God," Mother said as she sat down. "She came from the lineage of David and was taught to obey God and live a clean, virtuous life. She loved God and it was natural for her to lead a life for God, and His ruling force was a guide in her life. She had a close relative whose name was Elizabeth, who was a godly woman. Her influence over Mary was great, through her godly example. One day the angel appeared to her, after she was engaged to be married to Joseph, and told her that she was chosen to be the mother of Jesus, whose father was God. She willingly accepted this great honor, although she knew that many would not understand. She wanted to please God more than to please others. God caused Joseph to understand this, too and he took her as his wife. Now, you know how Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem, and Mary was a good mother to Jesus. She was just a woman like the rest of the women today. She had other children that were Joseph's and hers. After Jesus had ascended to heaven and Mary had died, the Roman Catholic church was formed. They took part of the heathen worship and part of Christianity and combined them. The heathens worshipped goddesses. Remember in Acts the 19th

chapter where the people made a big cry, saying, 'Great is Diana of the Ephesians'? Then in history it is recorded where the heathens worshipped Juno, Venus, and Minerva, who were goddesses. The Catholics had to have a woman to worship, so they chose Mary, the mother of Jesus.

"In the second century, some unbelieving Jews tried to brand Mary a wicked woman. Others rushed to her rescue and this added to her being lifted up. Later, there were two men of prominence who got into an argument about Jesus. One said he was not divine and the other said Jesus was God as well as man and put him up so high that the people began to believe that they needed a mediator. The teaching that Mary could ask anything of her son and he would do it, sprang up in the Roman Catholic church. Just in the last 15 years the Roman Catholic church has affirmed that the body of Mary has been taken up to heaven. This myth is believed by many. Now, children, we do not worship Mary. The Bible does not, in any place, teach us to do that. We even read where Mary was among the 120 on the day of Pentecost, tarrying with the others, waiting for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. She was no different than the others. I am sorry that our new neighbor's children are taught these things that are not according to God's Word, but they take it from those who have made up this theory. I am glad we know the Truth."

"I am glad you told us this," Alice said. "I thought that Julie knew something new that I didn't know."

"See, what did I tell you!" Phillip said.

—M. Miles

## **"What Will You Say?"**

Hopu was a young Sandwich Island boy who came to America for a visit. One evening he was with a group of people. In that group was an infidel lawyer who tried to puzzle him with hard questions. At last Hopu said, "I am a poor heathen boy. It is not surprising that my poor English should amuse you. But soon there will be a larger meeting than this. We shall all be there. They will ask us all one question. It will be, 'Do you love the Lord Jesus Christ?' Now sir, I can say 'Yes'. What will you say, sir?"

Everyone in the room was silent as Hopu spoke. At last the lawyer asked the native boy to pray. As Hopu poured out his heart to God, the lawyer began to weep. When he went home, Hopu's question, "What will you say, sir?" followed him. It did not leave him until he gave his heart to Jesus.

A sailor needs a compass to guide him across the ocean. We need someone to guide us through life and keep us from harm. God gave us Jesus to be our guide through life. And he has given us the Bible as a guide book.

Dear Boys and Girls:—

Happy New Year! I am glad the Lord has been so good to us through the last year. Now we have a new year. We do want to do all we know to do this year to please the Lord. He has been so good to us. Be sure to pray much and ask the Lord to help you to do those things that are pleasing in His sight. Jesus will help you.

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Our lesson today is about Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary was a wonderful person. She loved God and was chosen to be Jesus' mother. What a wonderful privilege! Mary was engaged to be married to Joseph. An angel came to Mary one day and told her that she was highly favored among women and blessed because God was the father of her unborn child, instead of Joseph. She was to name this baby Jesus. She at first was astonished, but then she understood what had happened. The angel made Joseph know this, too, and he took Mary as his wife. This is wonderful. Jesus came to this world as a little baby. Mary was a good mother and took care of her baby. Babies are so helpless and need a mother's care all the time. Your mother took good care of you when you were a baby, I am sure.

Our lesson begins with Luke calling Joseph and Mary "his parents" as of course, Joseph was Jesus' legal father but God was his real father, as Luke has already perfectly explained before our lesson.

At the age of 12, the Jewish boys went up to worship at the temple with their parents. I am sure this was a time of special interest to Jesus. In those days they walked, and families traveled together. After the eight-day feast was over, they started home. Jesus

who was a perfectly obedient child, was supposed to be in the crowd with relatives and friends. When night came, Joseph and his mother searched for him but did not find him. How anxious Jesus' mother was about him! Probably she had all kinds of thoughts as mothers do. Did the wild beast get him when he wandered away from the crowd? or did he get lost some way? The next day they started back to Jerusalem at daylight, I am sure. They looked closely along the road, asking every group of travelers they met. Finally they came to Jerusalem and hunted through the town. At last they went into the temple and there they found their precious son sitting in the midst of the doctors both hearing them and asking them questions. This was a great surprise to Mary and Joseph. Mary did not understand his being there nor why he had stayed behind without permission. Mary asked him why he had done this, causing them grief. Notice she said, "thy father and I." Jesus corrected her and said, "Didn't you know that I should be about my Father's business?" He had a heavenly tie that was higher than this earth. He was not guilty of sin and was not bound by an ordinary tie of home in this earth. But he humbly obeyed his mother and went home with them.

Our last verse shows that Mary was like other women. She needed to be filled with the Holy Spirit. We should respect Mary, but not worship her.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, January 5, 1964

## MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS

Luke 2:41-51; Acts 1:14

Luke 2:41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover.

42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him.

46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

Acts 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Memory Verse: And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Central Thought: Mary is not to be worshipped but respected as a chosen vessel of God.

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Part Two

Jan. 12

## Telling Others

Andrew found his brother,  
Philip found his friend;  
Giving them the message  
Christ to them did send.

Being thus persuaded  
Christ was from above,  
How they sought to tell it,  
With their hearts of love.

Let us then be willing  
Every soul to bless  
With a life for Jesus  
And His righteousness.

—Leslie Busbee

## "Who Is Jesus?"\*

"Are you going to the Bible class?"  
Nancy asked Alton on their way to  
school one morning.

"What Bible class?"

"Didn't you know?" Nancy said as  
she started walking on to school.  
"Mrs. M.—, Bobby's mother, has a

\*Parable

Bible class for all the children in her  
garage every Tuesday night."

"What do they do?" asked Alton.  
"What does it cost?"

"Oh, I like to go. Mrs. M— gener-  
ally gives us a piece of candy and a  
little paper. And then she tells us  
about Jesus," Nancy said. "It does  
not cost anything, of course. It is  
kind of like Sunday School. You  
know what Sunday School is like,  
don't you?"

"No, I don't know what Sunday  
School is like," Alton said. "And  
who is Jesus?"

"Who is Jesus!" Nancy said in sur-  
prise. "Didn't you ever hear of  
Jesus?"

"Well, er—a—yes-ss. But I didn't  
know it was anyone important," Al-  
ton said, a little embarrassed. "My  
uncle says that word when he gets  
real mad and I think my dad does,  
too, although he hasn't, very much."

"Oh, how terrible!" Nancy said as  
she put her hand over her mouth.  
"I mean—er, don't they know they  
should not do that? Jesus is so won-  
derful."

"Maybe they don't know, either," said Alton. "They don't go to church, either. Tell me, who is Jesus?"

Nancy told about Jesus and how He came here, lived on the earth and taught people how to live to get to heaven when they die. She told Alton that Jesus' disciples and others wrote down some of the things Jesus did and taught while he was here and that is called the Bible. She told Alton how wonderful Jesus was and how he loved us so much that he gave his life for us. We were supposed to die for our sins, but Jesus said he would die in our stead. Nancy was so happy to tell the wonderful story about Jesus. She felt happy way down deep in her heart to know that Jesus loved her and she told Alton that Jesus loved him and wanted him to love him, also.

When she finished talking, Alton could hardly talk. It was all so new and so wonderful that he just didn't know what to say. Finally, he said, "I am going to Mrs. M—'s Bible class."

By this time they were at the school grounds and one of the girls came running to meet Nancy. Nancy was so happy to tell her that she had just told Alton about Jesus and that he had never heard much about him before. Her girl friend was glad, also, that she had told Alton. She told Nancy that she felt sorry for Alton because his parents were so rough.

—M. Miles

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## Read With The Lips

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A poor blind girl, living in France, was obliged to toil for her daily bread, though unable to see. She learned to read by means of raised

letters, and the Gospel of Mark became one of her possessions. She learned of Jesus, and trusting Him, found peace. Her delight in her bit of Scripture was inexpressible. Whenever a moment of leisure came, she would read a verse and be refreshed.

Soon the shadow of great trouble fell upon her. The hard work in which she was engaged, calloused the ends of her fingers, so that it became increasingly difficult to read her Bible. Her sense of touch diminished till at last, she could not distinguish the letters.

One day, in her distress, she cut the skin from the ends of her fingers to increase their sensibility, only to destroy it forever. When this sad fact was evident, it seemed as if the poor girl's heart must break. How could she live without her daily portion of spiritual food? Supposing that now she must give up her beloved Book, she burst into tears, pressing it to her lips for a last farewell. As she was about to kiss it, she exclaimed:

"Farewell, farewell, sweet Word of my Heavenly Father, the only light for my soul! Though it is breaking my heart, I must part with thee!"

But as she pressed her lips to the sacred page, she found she could read the letters. Fearing that it was too good to be true, she pressed her lips once more to the Book and read, "The Gospel according to Mark."

She fell on her knees to pour out devout thanksgiving to God for this precious discovery. Then she arose and read with intense delight, the words of Jesus. "Ah," said she, "though it is all dark without, within in glorious light!"

No one, looking into her counte-

nance, could doubt the truth of her words. Her face was shining with a radiance not of this world. She cared not that her lot was humble; her toil hard; in her soul was the hope of a blessed immortality.

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## Who Made the Sky?

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Who made the sky so bright and blue?

Who made the fields so green?

Who made the flow'rs that smell so sweet,  
In pretty colors seem?

Who made the birds to soar so high,

And taught them how to sing?

Who made the pretty butterfly,  
And painted her bright wing?

Who made the sun that shines so bright

And gladdens all we see;

Which comes to give us light and heat,  
That happy we may be?

Who made the moon and stars so high,

The darksome night to cheer,

That shine so bright in yonder sky,  
Oft as the heavens are clear?

Who made the rocks, the hills, the trees,

The mountains and the vales?

The flocks, the herds, the cooling breeze  
The stream that never fails?

'Twas God who made this world so fair,

The sun, the sky, the air,

'Twas God who made the sea, the ground  
And all the things around.

—Selected by Neta Marie Eck, Age 9

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

Do you know who an evangelist is?  
Yes, that is right. An evangelist is one

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who brings good news. A pastor stays at one place and helps the people. An evangelist generally travels from place to place telling the good news of salvation. Can you name some evangelists that you know today?

Our lesson is about two evangelists. They had some good news to tell. Some wonderful news. They had seen Jesus. If you would see Jesus walking along a seashore, wouldn't you be excited and want to tell someone? Andrew heard John the Baptist say, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." How wonderful he was and how great! The people were in sin and now to know it could be taken away was great news. They longed for Christ to come and looked forward to his coming. As soon as John the Baptist spoke those words, Andrew and his companion (we suppose it was John) followed Jesus. They wanted to talk to Him. I am sure they had many questions to ask Jesus. When Jesus knew they were following him, he asked them what they wanted. They showed great respect and addressed him as Master. Boys and girls need to show respect to those who are over them. They need to show respect to Jesus, also. John and Andrew asked Jesus where he lived. Jesus just simply told them to "Come and see."

Today Jesus is still asking people to "Come and see" the way from earth to heaven. Too many are too busy doing things in this world and will not take time to "come and see" Jesus and learn how to get ready to live for God in this world. We do not know where Jesus was dwelling, but he had just come from the wilderness where he had been tempted of the devil for 40 days and nights. It probably was just some secluded place in the mountain. It was a place where he could commune with God. They spent a couple of hours with him and they had something to tell. First, Andrew thought of his brother, Peter. He found him and told the good news. He said, "We have found the Messiah." What wonderful news to tell! Not only did he tell him, but he "brought him to Jesus." We do want to, not only tell others about Jesus, but we want to bring them to him. We know Jesus will help them to be saved if they will only come to him.

Later, Jesus saw Philip and he told him to follow him. The experience of following and being with Jesus was so wonderful that he just had to tell it. He found Nathaniel and told him the good news. Just like Andrew sought out the closest person to him, Philip hunted up his best friend and told him. We want to tell others as Andrew and Philip did.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 2, January 12, 1964

## PHILIP AND ANDREW, EVANGELISTS

John 1:35-46

John 1:35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

38 Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?

39 He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.

40 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41 He first findeth his own brother, Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A Stone.

43 The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.

44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

Memory Verse: And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A Stone.

Central Thought: We want to help others to understand and see how great Jesus is.



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Part Three

Jan. 19

## Nicodemus

Why did Nicodemus come  
To the Lord by night  
To enquire of One so great  
Clothed with power and might?

Was it that he feared the throng  
And what they would say  
For the interest that he showed  
In the Lord that day?

Yet what Jesus said to him:  
"Ye must be born again"  
Made him marvel, yet 'twas true,  
Saving one from sin.

—Leslie Busbee

## Della's Decision\*

Della wanted to be saved, but she had something that she had to make right. She felt she just could not make it right. It would be too hard. One night she came home from the revival meeting that was going on.

\*Parable

feeling real badly. She had felt the Spirit of the Lord dealing with her heart very strongly that night. Oh, she wanted to be saved, but again, the devil told her that she couldn't make it right with the person that she had wronged. Della did not say much that evening, but soon went to bed. But sleep did not come. She thought, "What if the Lord would come before morning?" She knew she would not be ready to go and would go to hell. Oh, how she rolled and tumbled on her bed! But every time she would almost decide that she would give her heart to Jesus, that great thing would loom up before her. She just felt she could not make her wrong right. She tossed and tumbled. Her heart was so heavy. It seemed almost like another mattress was on top of her. She wanted to be saved, oh so much! She dozed off to sleep at different times, but soon would be wide awake again, feeling the sweet Spirit of Christ pleading with her soul. Jesus wanted her to be His so much. He wanted to come into her heart. He wanted to make her hap-

py. He didn't want to see her so unhappy and going on in sin and then lose her soul in hell. Finally she told Jesus that she would get saved. She would make her wrong right if He would help her. She felt that He would. She just didn't care what that person thought of her anymore. It just didn't matter now. She wanted to go to heaven and be the Lord's. She felt so much better. She decided that she would get up as soon as she knew that her parents were awake and ask them to pray with her to be saved.

When the alarm went off and she knew they were up, she ran into their bedroom weeping and asked if her father would pray with her to get saved. Oh, he was so happy to do so. After he prayed, Della wept, prayed and asked Jesus to forgive her and save her soul. She promised the Lord that she would make her wrong right. Jesus took her at her word and forgave her. Oh, how happy she felt! Now she was ready for heaven. She felt the load roll away. She could sing from her heart that all her sins were taken away, away, away! It was wonderful! Della was a happy girl, now. She was a new creature. She had been "born again."

She lived for Jesus and often prayed to him and told him how much she loved him for calling after her and not letting her go on in sin. She made her wrong right and it wasn't hard at all. She was so surprised to know how easy it was and how good she felt when it was all made right.

Boys and girls, if you do not belong to Jesus, won't you make the same decision Della did and come to Jesus and be "born again"? M. Miles

## One To Love Who Will Never Die

Fanny and her brother loved as brother and sister ought to love one another. But Fanny's little brother fell sick and died. His body was put into a coffin, and buried in the cold, dark tomb. How poor Fanny missed him! Lonely and sad, she wandered from place to place unsatisfied and weary. The object of her love was gone, and she felt there was no one to live for now. Going up to her mother, weeping bitterly, she said, "Mamma, can you tell me of one to love who will never die?"

Dear child — what depths of meaning are in her question, and how aptly they express the longing desire of the unsatisfied heart of a sinner. "One to love who will never die!"

Dear reader, this is what your soul seeks after, whether you be young or old. You want an object upon which you can let your affections rest without a moment's hesitation, and without the shadow of a doubt. But there is no such object here on earth. Its fairest forms are subject to change its brightest prospects wither and die—

"Death, like a shadow, rest on all below,  
Its brightest landscape wears a tint of  
woe."

Earth's fondest friends depart and leave us. Death robs us of the objects of our earthly love, and snatches from us the dearest of our earthly treasures, leaving the heart-strings sore and bleeding, and, in despair, the longing soul cries out, "Can you tell me of one to love who will never die?" And such a one is Jesus. He only is the One who will never die, and whose love will never grow cold.

Earthly loved ones die and leave us, but He abideth ever. What a portion for the human heart, what a portion for the soul's affection!

My dear friend, is this Jesus yours? Have you one to love who will never die? Has your heart a lover upon whom it can concentrate its warmest love without a shadow of fear? Such a friend is Jesus. He, the risen Christ of God, shall never die again. He is alive for evermore, the Prince of Life: the Victor over death.

—Home Evangel

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### Blaming Others

A missionary in Brazil once saw a monkey sitting on a log cracking nuts with a stone. The monkey's attention was attracted to the man, and this so interfered with the accuracy of his aim that a blow fell upon his tail which was curled around him. With a scream of rage the monkey hurled the stone at the man and ran off. No doubt it comforted him to hold the missionary to blame for his sufferings.

Do you ever act like that monkey and blame other people for the mistakes you make? You should not because that is not the way Jesus wants you to live.—Unknown

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

The people around about Jerusalem were in a stir. Who was this wonderful teacher? Who gave Him power to heal the sick, to turn the water into a good drink, and has authority to drive those out of the temple who were selling, at a great price, sheep that were to be offered for sacrifice? The rulers of the Jewish religion, who worshipped according to the law of Moses, were

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stirred. Too many people were following after Jesus and they decided they must do something about Him. They met together and decided they would try to kill Him. But there was one man among the rulers who was curious. He wanted to see Jesus, but he did not want the others to know about it. I am sure you can understand his position. So he decided he would make a visit to see Jesus in the night, when it was dark.

No doubt, Jesus was glad to see Nicodemus that night. He called Jesus Master and told him that he knew he could not do all the miracles that had been done except God be with him. Jesus came to the point, also, and told Nicodemus that "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." This was a strange saying to Nicodemus. He thought about the words, "born again." Why, he had been born once. How could he be "born again?" How could he, when he was old, be "born again?" This was a great puzzle to him. If he had not had such great respect for Jesus as a great scholar and teacher, he would have walked away from him, but he knew there must be something to this statement, so he asked Jesus about it. Jesus told him that he would have to be "born of the water and of the Spirit." Those who are born into

earthly families are born of the flesh, but those who are born into a spiritual family are of the Spirit. This was more than Nicodemus could understand. What was the second birth? You and I who are saved, know what it means, do we not? When we come to Jesus and confess our sins with godly sorrow and Jesus forgives us of them, then we are born into the family of God. Don't you remember how wonderful you felt to know that your sins were all gone and to know that you were ready to go to heaven and not hell? It is precious to love Jesus and live for Him every day and pray to Him and tell Him all about your troubles and your needs. But Nicodemus could not understand how it could happen. Jesus told him that he could not see the wind blow but could see the trees wave about and He could feel it. Just so, you cannot see the Spirit working in your heart, but you can feel it. By faith you know it is done.

Nicodemus left Jesus and another time we read about him in John 7:44-52. We read about Nicodemus helping with the burial of Jesus in John 19:38-42.

—Aunt Marie

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Lesson 3, January 19, 1963

## NICODEMUS

John 3:1-15

John 3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

10 Jesus answered and said unto him, art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Memory Verse: Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Central Thought: To get to heaven, we will have to be "born again."

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Part Four

Jan. 26

## What Lack I Yet?

I do not steal, I do not kill  
Nor witness falsely bear;  
My father and my mother feel  
My honor pure and fair.

Adul'try finds no place in me  
Nor long I wealth to get,  
But still there is a need, I see:  
Oh, please! what lack I yet?

The answer plain: (don't turn away)  
Give up earth's treasured store  
To help the needy, take God's way  
For treasures ever more.

—Leslie Busbee

## Laying Up Treasures\*

"Daddy, do you know what Alice did?" Emory said, as he came running to the car, after the services were over at the chapel. "She kept that nickel that you gave her to put in the missionary box."

\*Parable

"I guess I will have to have a talk with Alice," Daddy said, as all the family got into the car, with Alice running and getting in last.

When they arrived home, Daddy said, "Alice, did you put your nickel in the missionary box?"

"No," Alice said in an embarrassed way. "I thought they had enough already for the missionaries."

"Alice, you have a wrong idea about giving to the missionaries," Daddy said, as he reached for his Bible. "We give our money to Jesus."

"How can you do that?" Alice asked.

"In Matt. 10:42 Jesus told us, 'And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, [or Jesus] verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward,' " Daddy read. "Whatever we do, we want to do it as unto the Lord. We do it in Jesus' name. We are not looking for rewards here but we are laying up treasures in heaven."

"Oh, is that like what Jesus said to the goats on his left hand, that

they hadn't visited Jesus when he was in prison and given Jesus clothes when he was naked, nor visited Jesus when he was sick?" Alice said. "Of course our Sunday School teacher said that really meant doing it to others and that was doing it to Jesus."

"Yes, you have the idea now," Dad said. "By doing it unto others we are doing it to Jesus and are laying up treasures in heaven."

"If I give this nickel to the missionaries and they use it to help souls, that would be doing it for Jesus, wouldn't it?" Alice said. "I'll put it in the offering box tonight."

"Yes, my little girl, that is right," Daddy said. "There are so many people here in this world who count all that they have as theirs. They do not want to give up any of their riches to help others and that is the reason they do not have riches in heaven. We are all going to die and leave everything here. When we live in heaven with the Lord it will be in eternity, where there is no time. This life is just a moment in comparison to that life. In fact, we can't find anything here to compare it with so we want to choose to serve the Lord and do all we do as unto Him."

—M. Miles

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## God Answers Prayer

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"Patsy, do you know where Princess is?" asked Mother one morning. She had not seen their dog that morning.

"No, I haven't seen her," answered Patsy. "Maybe she is outside with Eddie."

"I was out there a while ago and I didn't see her anyplace," spoke up

Dennis. "Hey, Peggy, do you know where Princess is?"

"What?" yelled Peggy.

"Have you and Candace seen Princess?" questioned Mother of Peggy as she came into the room.

"No, I haven't seen her," Peggy said and Candace agreed. The girls looked very sad. They loved their little doggie, Princess. They began to wonder what might have happened to her. Had someone stolen her or did she run away? Maybe she got killed.

"Oh, I know," said Mother. "We took her with us yesterday when we went to gather walnuts and must have left her out there. We must go back out there and see if we can find her."

As soon as the older children were off to school, Mother and the smaller ones drove in the car out into the country to look for their dog. They searched and called for her but could not find her anywhere. They all felt so sad. They had learned to love their dog very much. That night as they had worship they all prayed that they would find their pet. Their mother put an ad in the paper, describing their dog and asking for help in locating her.

"I don't think you will ever find her," said Dad. She is a valuable dog and whoever picked her up will keep her."

"I believe the Lord will help us," said mother. "The Lord knows where she is."

"I believe the Lord will help us, too," spoke up Peggy and all the children agreed.

Days passed and each night all the children prayed earnestly for God to help them find Princess. Mother also

earnestly asked the Lord to help them find her. About two weeks after she was gone the phone rang. The lady on the other end of the line said, "I am not going to tell you my name and I am probably meddling, but a certain person in the town of D— has your dog."

Mother and the children were all so happy to know where she was. They drove to this town about 10 miles away and sure enough there they found their dog. What a happy reunion they had. The dog was as happy as the children that they were all together again. That night when they had worship, each one thanked the Lord for helping them find their dog, Princess. —M. Miles

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Remember to sow good seeds because you will reap what you sow.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

There are two "banks" that you can put your money in. One bank is in heaven, and one bank is here on the earth. Which is the safer bank, and why? Read Matt. 6:19-21. I surely want to lay my treasures in heaven, don't you?

Our lesson today is about two rich men. One rich man seemed to be a good man. He had tried to live right and had obeyed all the commandments of Moses' law. Even though he was a good man, yet he did not feel satisfied. He had met Jesus and he had found out that Jesus could help him find that which he longed for in his heart. So, he ran to Jesus, asking him to tell him what he yet needed to do to be perfectly happy. Jesus finally told him that he should sell all he had and give it to the poor. The rich man had told Jesus that he had loved his neighbor as himself,

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so now he was called upon to prove what he had said. Not only was he told to sell all he had, but he was also offered a cross to bear. What a contrast! His life of luxury and ease in this world would be changed for a life of poverty and a cross. But if he had chosen what Jesus had offered him, he would have had the company of the Son of God; the Son of the One who had created all things in this world and who holds the world and all that is in it, in his hand. But the poor, rich man could not see anything but just what this world had given him. He could not see any glory in following Jesus. He turned away sorrowful. He rejected Jesus and all that he had to offer.

The other rich man, called Zacchaeus, was a hated publican. He had made his riches by being dishonest. He was a tax-collector and charged more than he should so he could become rich. But he wanted to see Jesus. He had a good desire. He was short, so he ran ahead of the crowd that was coming his way, and climbed up in a tree. Now, those who look for Jesus will find that Jesus will be looking for them. Jesus stopped and called to him, saying, "Zacchaeus, come down, for I must abide at your house today." Oh, how happy Zacchaeus was! He, like the first rich man, had some

questions to ask of Jesus. The crowd was not happy about Jesus going to be a guest of a sinner, but Jesus did not do things to please people. He did that which pleased His Father in heaven. He came to seek and to save those who were lost. Zacchaeus needed to be saved. We do not know what they talked about, but I am sure the sermon that Zacchaeus heard was very stirring and moved Zacchaeus to make a change in his life. He was very sorry for his past life and repented and promised to restore all he had stolen. Jesus said, "Today salvation has come to this house." What a happy rich man he was! He had accepted the words of Jesus. He was unlike the first man who went away sorrowful. Boys and girls, always remember Zacchaeus, who made the wise choice and laid up his treasure in heaven. —Aunt Marie

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Lesson 4, January 26, 1964

### ZACCHAEUS AND THE RICH YOUNG RULER

Mark 10:17 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.

19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

20 And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.

21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and

thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

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

2 And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, 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, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day 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 Zacchaeus 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, forso-much 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.

Memory Verse: But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Central Thought: We must love Jesus more than anything or anyone in this world to be ready for heaven.



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Feb. 2

## Black and White Friends

My friend is Carolyn Perkins—  
She lives just down the street,  
She used to be a colored girl—  
The blackest you could meet.  
But she has played so long with me  
Out in the sun and shine,  
That now her skin is fading—  
It's most as light as mine.

My friend is Pamela Burton—  
She lives just up the street.  
She used to be a white girl,  
The palest you could meet.  
But she has played in my yard  
So many times, you see,  
The sun has tanned and browned her  
'Til she's most as black as me.

You know, we've sometimes wondered  
'Bout the changes in our skin.  
Our mothers say it really is  
No different than it's been.  
It surely does LOOK different  
Than it did first, at the start;  
But our mothers still say, "No,  
The change was in your heart!"

—Selected by Marie L. Hathaway

## God Loves Everyone\*

"Billy, come here!" Mother called from her front porch.

"What do you want?" Billy said as he came running. "I wanted to see the fight."

"What is the trouble with those two boys?" Mother asked. "They have been using such awful language and I don't want you to be there. You might be drawn into their fuss."

"Oh, I don't know what all the trouble is, but one thing I know, they seem to hate each other," Billy said. "Jack told Claude that he hated him and Claude said he hated Jack. I didn't understand altogether, but Jack said his daddy told him that all white people were mean and then Claude said that his daddy thought all colored people were mean. Maybe it's something between their families that started the fight."

"Well, this is indeed sad," Mother said. "I don't want you to have anything to do with it, nor to be there. It causes my heart to ache when I

think of people of different races hating each other. Jesus died that all people might be saved. Come on in now, and get ready for supper."

Later at the supper table, after Daddy had been told about the fight in front of the house, he said, "I am glad that the Church of God has always taught the truth about how the white people and the colored people should love each other. I have been with the church for over forty years and they have taught that a person could not be saved and be prejudiced. They have not only taught it, but have also practiced it. When I was a little boy, the colored people were welcome to come to our services with the white people. We made them feel just as free as we knew how, even if we were made fun of and persecuted much by others. The church has never let down on this teaching, nor quit practicing it. Today it is new to some people to intermingle with others of a different color, but to the saints of God and the people who are in the Church of God, it isn't anything new. We have been doing it for years. Even my father taught it and he said the church has always felt that God did not look at the color, but that everyone was precious in His sight, and that is the way every child of God feels, too. Now, son, I hope you will always live up to this, as you know this is the way we have taught you."

"I am always nice to Jack. I never have done anything to him just because his skin is a different color than mine," Billy said. "But in the fight today, I think that Jack and Claude were neither one nice to the other. One was just as much to blame as the other."

"We know that people who do not love God will do wrong," Mother said. "Their color doesn't make them do wrong, but it is the devil causing them to do wrong. The devil will cause trouble just anyway he can. Both white people and colored people suffer many things in this world and the devil is the author of it all."

\*Parable

—M. Miles

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## Pride Had A Fall

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A little boy who had won a prize for learning Scripture verses, and was greatly elated thereby, was asked by a minister if it took him a long time to commit them.

"Oh, no," said the boy boastfully, "I can learn any verse in the Bible in five minutes."

"Can you indeed? And will you learn one for me?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then in five minutes from now I would like very much to hear you repeat this verse," said the minister, handing him the Book and pointing out the ninth verse of the eighth chapter of Esther:

"Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, that is, the month Sivan, on the three and twentieth day thereof; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded unto the Jews, and to the lieutenants, and the deputies and rulers of the provinces which are from India unto Ethiopia, an hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language."

Master Conceit entered upon his

task with confidence, but at the end of one hour, to his mortification, could not repeat it without a slip.

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## *Give Me to Drink*

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His disciples were gone;  
He was weary and worn:

Sat he there at the well for to rest.  
With a vessel in hand  
By an unseen command

Came a woman with grief in her  
breast.

Said He, "Give me to drink,"  
Though it made her to think

Of the greeting in friendliness  
given;

But it soon became clear  
She had nothing to fear

For He spoke of the water from  
heaven.

—Leslie Busbee

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson today brings out many good points, but one point I trust you will not forget is that Jesus loves everyone. There are people in the world today who do not love others who are not of the same color as they, or who do not belong to the same nation as they belong to. Some people even hate others who come from another state, or who are poor. For various reasons, people in the world hate others. This should not be so.

In our lesson, Jesus and the disciples went through the country of Samaria on their way to Galilee. Now, the Jews hated the Samaritans. There had been a long, bitter racial feud, with strong religious and political disagreements, down through the years. The Samaritans had set up a temple on Mount Ger-

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izim because Nehemiah would not let them help in the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem. (Neh. 2:20.) Jesus did not share in the Jews' feelings. He loved everyone. This surprised the woman at the well. She could not understand why he would ask of her a drink, when the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans. The disciples had gone to buy some meat in the city and Jesus had sat down by the well to rest because he was weary. The woman had come to draw water. And to think that this man, who was alone, would ask her, a lone woman, a drink! She demanded an explanation. Jesus answered her question by telling her who he was. She did not know that he was God's only Son, who could give her "living water," which was everlasting life. She did not understand, but she told him he did not have anything with which to draw water. This well, which was at the foot of Mount Gerizim, where they had their temple, was 125 feet deep. It had been dug through earth and solid rock. It was called Jacob's well. The woman wanted to know if he was greater than their father, Jacob, who had given them this well. In other words, she wanted to know who he was, and what was this "living water." Jesus told her it was everlasting

life. She desired to have this "living water." When Jesus told her that she had had five husbands, she realized he truly was a prophet and knew all things. She asked him the question they had long wished to have answered—where was the right place to worship. Were they to worship in Mount Gerizim or in Jerusalem? Jesus told her that neither was the place, but that God was a Spirit and was everywhere. He was to be worshipped in Spirit and in truth. The woman was moved by what was said to her and she said that she knew when the Messiah would come, he would tell them all things. Jesus told her, "I that speak unto thee, am he." What wonderful news! She forgot her waterpot, and went to the city to tell others. Soon a crowd gathered. Jesus stayed there two days and many believed on him. They told the woman that they, too, believed on him for they had heard him and truly, he was the Christ, the Saviour of the world. We want to be like the woman—tell others about Jesus and his power to save.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, February 2, 1964

## THE WOMAN OF SAMARIA

John 4:7-14, 28, 29, 39-42

John 4:7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

8 (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)

9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living

water.

11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst: but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.

40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days.

41 And many more believed because of his own word;

42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

Memory Verse: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. John 4:14.

Central Thought: Believing on Jesus makes us perfectly happy.

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Part Six

Feb. 9

## Called to Glory

From the nets these men were called

By the Master who passed by  
And upon their lives were fallen  
Hope of mansions in the sky.  
Peter, James, and John obeying  
Found the Pearl of greatest price,  
And while on the Saviour staying  
Found they joy for sacrifice.

Still today, oh hear it ringing  
There's a call for you and me  
Where salvation echoes bringing  
Grace to set the captives free.  
If from sin our hearts we'll sever  
Take the path our Saviour trod  
We will live with Him forever  
In a home of rest in God.

—Leslie Busbee

## Carrie Carmen's Vision Of The Holy City

When Carrie Carmen, with whom the author was personally acquainted, as pastor, came to the end of her life, on her death bed she gazed upward,

and exclaimed, "Beautiful! beautiful! beautiful!" One asked, "What is so beautiful?" "Oh, they are so beautiful." "What do you see?" "Angels; and they are so beautiful." "How do they look?" "Oh, I can't tell you, they are so beautiful." "Have they wings?" "Yes; and hark! hark! They sing the sweetest of anything I ever heard." "Do you see Christ?" "No; but I see the Holy City that was measured with the reed whose length and breadth and height are equal, and whose top reaches to the skies; and it is so beautiful I can't tell you how splendid it is." Then she repeated the verse beginning "Through the valley of the shadow I must go." She then spoke of the loneliness of her husband, and prayed that he might have grace to bear up after she had died. She also prayed for her parents, asking that they might make an unbroken band in the beautiful city. She closed her eyes and rested a moment, and then looked up with beaming eyes and said: "I see Christ, and oh, He is so beautiful." Her husband asked again, "How does

He look?" "I can't tell you; but He is so much more beautiful than all the rest." Again she said, "I see the Holy City." Then, gazing a moment, she said, "So many!" "What do you see, of which there are so many?" "People." "How many are there?" "A great many; more than I can count." "Any you know?" "Yes, a great many." "Who?" "Uncle George and a lot more. They are calling me. They are beckoning to me." "Is there any river there?" "No; I don't see any." Her husband then said, "Carrie, do you want to go and leave?" "No; not until it is the Lord's will that I should go. I would like to stay and live for you and God's work. His will be done." Presently she lifted her eyes and said, "Oh, carry me off from this bed." Her husband said, "She wants to be removed from the bed." But her father said, "She is talking with the angels." When asked if she were, she replied, "Yes." She closed her eyes, and seemed to be rapidly sinking away. Her husband kissed her and said, "Carrie, can't you kiss me?" She opened her eyes and kissed him, and said, "Yes, I can come back to kiss you. I was part way over." She said but little more, but prayed for herself and for her friends. Frequently she would gaze upward and smile, as though the sights were very beautiful. —Christ Crowned Within

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## Those Foreign Stamps

When I was a boy, about eleven or twelve, there were some big bullies at school who made my life a misery to me. I was a little fellow, not very strong, and I dared not complain of their ill-usage. One day when they

were torturing me more than usual, I begged very hard to be released. They said, "Well, we will let you go on condition you bring us some foreign stamps tomorrow. If you don't we'll 'spiflicate' you."

I promised—at such a moment I would have promised anything—but I had not the faintest idea where to get them, or even what foreign stamps were. It was a great many years ago, remember; and in those days collections were scarcely heard of. I, at any rate, knew nothing about them and felt helpless.

I could think of no resource but prayer. I just prayed as hard as I could. All night I could scarcely sleep a wink for thinking of the vague but awful fate threatening me if the stamps were not forthcoming. I was quite prepared for being half killed; if not wholly. School bullying was a dreadful thing in those days.

The morning came but no stamps had dropped upon my sleepless pillow; there were none on the breakfast table; no miracle had happened. My heart went down into my boots, and I dared not speak of my fears. At last it was time to start for school. Just on the threshold, my reluctant footsteps turned back. "Father," I faltered, "do you know anything about foreign stamps?"

"Very odd you should ask me," he replied, "in my business now I seldom come across any, but just today I happen to have some in my pocket. There you are!" I did not wait to be pressed. I darted off to school with them.

There outside the gate stood my tormentors, waiting to "spiflicate" me. Great was their surprise when I ran up to them, both hands full of

the precious envelopes.

Strange to say, their ill-treatment ceased from that hour, and I had no further trouble of the sort. Of all the providences of my life, that is the one that made the first and strongest impression upon me, showing me how true God's promise is, "Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear" (Isa. 65:24). —F. B. Meyer

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## Cancelling Unkind Words

Some of the older boys and girls doubtless have studied cancellation in school. But there is another kind of cancellation that can be used by the youth of all ages. For example, two boys were speaking of another boy.

"He is slow in games," said one.

"Yes," replied the other, "but he always plays fair."

"He is so stupid at school!" said the first boy.

"But he always studies hard," answered the second.

Thus you see every unkind word spoken by the first boy was cancelled by a word from the second. Suppose that the next time you hear an unkind word you try to cancel it by putting a kind one in its place.

Unknown

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

Something made Abraham Lincoln feel that he would die in office. One time he read the scripture found in Deut. 3:22, which said, "Ye shall not fear them: for the Lord your God he shall fight for you." Abraham Lincoln faced many dangers and was a great man. Today we are going to talk about three

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greater men than Abraham Lincoln. They, too, had to face many dangers.

Our lesson starts out telling us about the call from Jesus for these men to leave their jobs and follow him. We notice that God called for those to work for him who were busy people. God cannot use lazy people. Think about what the following men were doing when God called them for service: Moses, Elisha, David, Peter, James, and John.

Sometimes Peter, James, and John are called the three who were in the inner circle. Jesus took them with him to different places. Our lesson tells us about them being with him on the mountain when he was transfigured before them. There Moses and Elias appeared in white clothing, surrounded with the glory of God. There they saw Jesus also, in great glory and shining clothing, talking to them. They were over-awed at the great sight. They wanted to build three great buildings in honor of them. But God spoke out of heaven and said that Jesus was his beloved Son and that they were to hear him. Moses and Elias had had their day, now Jesus was the one to be heard. This was a wonderful experience. We read in the book of Peter where he referred to this occasion. It was very outstanding to him. It was a glorious experience. But Peter, James

and John did not always have wonderful, mountain-top experiences.

The next part of our lesson tells how they were with Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane. Jesus was troubled because he knew he was going to be crucified. His disciples went to sleep and he told them that they should "watch and pray lest they enter into temptation." That is what Jesus wants you and I to do today. We need to pray and also to watch. Watch and be sure that you always do the right things and those things that please our precious Lord. Jesus will help us if we will do this.

God blessed these wonderful men and as they stood by Him, He stood by them. They loved Jesus more than their own lives. They knew that this life was just a very small thing in comparison to that life after death. One Bible writer says this life is like a "vapor that appeareth for a little while and is gone." Did you ever see a vapor rise up from the pan on the stove? It rises up and then vanishes away. It is most important to live here in such a way that we will live in heaven after this life. There is no time in eternity. It will never, never end. James knew if they killed him he would go to that beautiful place, so he stood true to God to the end. What a wonderful life these men lived. We want to live for God as they did.

—Aunt Marie

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PETER, JAMES, AND JOHN

Matt. 4:18-22; 17:1-2; Mark 14:32, 33  
37, 38; Acts 12:1-3

Matt. 4:18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

19 And he saith unto them, Follow

me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

17:1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart.

2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

Mark 14:32 And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he 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.

37 And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour?

38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.

Acts 12:1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.

2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.)

Memory Verse: For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. Acts 4:20.

Central Thought: Peter, James and John followed Jesus through the good times and also times of trouble.



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Feb. 16

## Come to Jesus

Oh, come to Jesus, sick and sore  
Thy cares upon Him casting;  
Be bound by chains of sin no more,  
Receive life everlasting.

Oh think of him who fettered lay  
In Satan's dreary prison  
Whose soul, when Jesus spoke that  
day  
From darkness had arisen!

Have faith in Him, be not dismayed;  
Thy burdens can be lifted;  
His sunlight can dispel the shade;  
The dark clouds will be rifted.

—Leslie Busbee

## You Are Harmless

We received a letter from Bro. Etuk in Nigeria, W. Africa, and he wrote us the testimony of one of the women there. I will write it as he wrote it.

"A woman member from Ukpom, growing thin and pale with age, said

that some two weeks ago, she was going to fetch water from a stream which is bounded on all sides by a forest and is always dark before it is really dark. She heard the roars of a lion, and before she could know what was happening, she saw the lion. She was, she said, too weak and too old to run, but stood rigid and simply said, 'In the name of Jesus Christ, you are harmless.' The man-eater, she said, simply took to his heels. 'Hallelujah! I have curbed down the lion by the power of Jesus' Name!' to which everybody shouted 'Amen! Praise Him! Praise Him!' All then sang the chorus, 'No other power, no other power, but He is able to do all things.' "

The Bible tells us about the devil being like a roaring lion going about seeking whom he might devour. 1 Pet. 5:8. Those who open up their hearts to him and let him enter without resisting him will be devoured by him. Some have so given over to the devil that they are like the man whom Jesus cast the devils out of down by the seaside. Oh course, those devils

wanted a home and asked to be permitted to go into the swine. The swine ran into the sea and drowned and they were without a home after all.

You and I should resist the devil as this woman did the lion that she saw. The devil is harmless, also, when we resist him in the name of Jesus. The Bible says, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." James 4:8. There is all power in the name of Jesus. So don't be afraid to resist the devil in that name.

The devil will come and whisper to you to steal something or to tell a lie. Don't listen to his suggestions. Resist him and he will flee. You do not have to obey the devil. Resist him and then pray to Jesus. Draw real close to Jesus and Jesus will draw close to you and give you power to be an overcomer. I trust that you will always do the things that Jesus wants you to do. Don't be afraid of the devil when you belong to Jesus.

—Sister Marie Miles

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## A Saved Man

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In a certain city there lived the wife of a sailor. One day she picked up the daily paper and read that the ship on which her husband was working as a stoker had struck a rock and all lives were lost. Imagine the grief of that poor woman. Down came the blinds, and she went out and bought mourning; her friends came in to sympathize. The whole household was changed through reading that notice in the paper.

About a week later she received a cablegram from her husband with the

one word on it, "SAVED." Up went the blinds, off came the mourning, and how she rejoiced! What a difference that one word made! She had not seen her husband, but she believed the message.

God, you know, has sent us a message from Heaven, and what matters is whether we believe it or not. All our future depends on how we receive God's message. It is a matter of eternal life or eternal death. God's message is, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). Believe what? "That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and that He was buried and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3, 4).

There are only two kinds of people in God's sight—the saved and the unsaved. And this is what separates them—the saved have believed what God says in His Word (the Bible) about sin and death, hell and Heaven. They have known themselves to be sinners, and they have accepted the salvation that God offers them—the salvation that was bought with the precious Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. In His Name I offer that salvation to you now. Will you accept it?

A gentleman was once telling this good news, of how we may become "saved" to some boys at a street corner. When he had finished he held out a penny, "This penny is for any boy who will come and take it." But not one boy moved! They did not believe! At last one little boy timidly stepped forward and stretching out his hand took the penny. At once it became his. Why? Because he believed the word of the gentleman and acted upon it. That is how

we become "saved." We must believe God's Word, and act upon it. He says, "Whosoever will, let him take the Water of Life freely" Rev. 22:17.

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### LIKE CLOCKS AND WATCHES

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Some boys and girls are like an old-fashioned clock; they will not work unless they are put just where they like, or get to do just what they want to do. But the ones who can be useful to Jesus are the ones who will work for Him any place He chooses to put them.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

On the camp grounds at a certain place, there was a good well. The water was so good, fresh, and pure. But a septic tank was built up above this well and the water from it got into the well and caused the water to be full of germs. Those who drank it got very sick. When it was found out what had happened, the septic tank was changed, the well cleaned out, and once again the water was good and fresh to drink.

When the devil gets into a life, he defiles that life. As that person gives himself over to the devil, he will control that life. But when Jesus comes along, he will deliver that person from the power of the devil and make him clean and pure. Jesus has power over the devil.

Our lesson tells us about a man who met Jesus when he came over the Sea of Galilee to the country of Gadarenes. This man was under full control of the devil. The devil gave him such power that when he was caught and put in chains, he would break them. The devil drove him out of the town into the wilderness and there he lived among the tombs. He did not wear any clothes,

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nor live in a house. He was such a pitiful man under the power of the devil. When he saw Jesus, the devils in him recognized him. The devils cried out from the man and called him Jesus, the Son of God. The devils did not want Jesus to come around. They knew he had more power than they had. They liked living in the man and they said they didn't want Jesus to bother them. But Jesus had come to this world to help mankind who was under the power of Satan. He loved the man who was full of the devil. He came to deliver him. The devils knew they would have to obey Jesus and leave the man. They didn't want to be cast into the deep so they begged Jesus to let them dwell in the swine on the hillside. They wanted a home here in this world to live in. So Jesus commanded them to come out of the man and he let them enter the swine. The swine were so scared that they ran pell mell down the hillside into the lake and were drowned. The devils were not very smart after all. They were cast into the deep.

The men who took care of the swine ran into the city and told what had happened. They, no doubt, were scared. Soon a crowd gathered. There they saw the man who had been full of the devil, in his right mind, sitting at the feet of

Jesus. Oh, how this man loved Jesus! The people were full of fear and besought Jesus to depart out of their country. He did as they asked. The man wanted to go with him, but Jesus told him that he should go back to his home and tell of the great things God had done for him. He wanted him to take the good news to his people. I am sure this was hard for this man to face, but as he went, God blessed him and he published throughout the whole country how great things Jesus had done for him.

—Aunt Marie

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Lesson 7, February 16, 1964

## THE MAN RESTORED

Luke 8:26-39

Luke 8:26 And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee.

27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.

28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.

29 (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.)

30 And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.

31 And they besought him that he

would not command them to go out into the deep.

32 And there was an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them.

33 Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked.

34 When they that fed them saw what was done, they fled, and went and told it in the city and in the country.

35 Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

36 They also which saw it told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed.

37 Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again.

38 Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying,

39 Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him.

Memory Verse: And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Central Thought: The devils will obey Jesus.

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Feb. 23

## Who Loveth Best?

### Sinner Woman:

Her sins, they were so many,  
She felt their weight so sore;  
She weeping came to Jesus  
Forgiveness to implore.

### Simon the Pharisee:

His sins were just as many,  
Their weight he could not feel;  
And shamed the one who meekly  
Before the Lord did kneel.

And God who weighs the spirit  
Claimed love from her the most,  
And Jesus made the sinner  
More blessed than His host.

—Leslie Busbee

## We Must Forgive\*

"Say, dearie, are you going to ask Mollie to walk home with us tonight from school?" Nellie asked Connie. "Or did you forget what Sister Brown

\*Parable

said for us to do?"

"Oh yes, we must ask her," Connie said.

"Oh, but Connie, what do you think all the other girls will think of us?" Nellie said with a frown on her face. "You know good and well that they will think we are like her, or-r-r I should say like she used to be," Nellie said as she saw Connie open her mouth to correct her. Mollie had smoked and done a lot of things that she should not have done. But she had come to Sunday School with Connie at Connie's invitation, and had given her heart to Jesus. The girls' Sunday School teacher had told them that she wanted all of the girls to show special interest in Mollie and help her to know that the best way to live is a clean, good life, which is pleasing to the Lord.

"Nellie, did you stop to think that Mollie is also trying hard to make the others know that she has made a change?" Connie said with earnestness. "It would be awful for us not to show her kindness and some attention. We must help her."

"Well, I know she probably is, but we will have to think of our reputation," Nellie said. "My mother said that 'birds of a feather flock together'. She told me that if you kept company with boys and girls who stole things and told lies that others would class you with them."

"Yes, but dear, we want to remember that Mollie has changed and she doesn't do those things any more," Connie said. "I had a long talk with my mother last night about Mollie and she told me that I should forgive Mollie just as Jesus had forgiven her. We must act as if she never did those things. Mother also said that we should ask ourselves, 'What would Jesus do?' I did that, and when I prayed, I felt that we must show some love to Mollie. I had thought I would ask her to come over to my house tonight after school for awhile."

"Connie, you are right," Nellie said. "I see your point, and we must be nice to Mollie. In fact, we ought to think about how she has had to live. She doesn't have a mother who has taught her as our mothers taught us or maybe she would have been different. I am sure Jesus wants us to be nice and kind to her. I guess we will have to hurry or we will be late to class." —M. Miles

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### ONE MATCH—ONE SIN— A NEAR TRAGEDY

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"Look, Sis, I have a match and I'm going to burn it," bragged a small boy to his smaller sister one day. "If you don't tell on me I'll let you watch me," he bargained.

"Sis" thought that was a good deal, being partner in her big brother's

secret, so childlike she promised. But she would learn soon that it doesn't pay to be a partner in sin. Jack led her to a little "lean-to" in back of their home where they kept coal in the winter. It was merely a few sticks, nailed onto the side of another building, with a burlap for covering to protect the coal from the snow. This summer there had been little rain, causing the burlap to become very dry.

As the children sat intrigued by the flame that was coming from the stolen match a foolish suggestion popped from the young girl's mouth. "Why don't you hold the match up to the burlap and see what happens?" she asked.

"Ah, burlap won't burn, it's goods," answered Jack; and just to prove his point he eagerly thrust the burning match against the dry material. Immediately the whole thing went up in flames, terrifying the young children and sending them running and screaming for help.

The whole neighborhood turned out to fight fire. While some were drawing water others were using brooms to combat the flames. It burned so fast and furious that it looked as though the whole city block might be destroyed. All the buildings around there were frame anyway and they were easy prey for a fire. To add to the children's misery their mother lay on the kitchen floor in a faint from shock. They thought they might lose their home and even their mother. If only they hadn't disobeyed! They had been warned time after time to not play with fire and to never take matches from the shelf in the kitchen. They also knew that they faced the penalty for disobedience, but it

was all too late now. Try to think of how these children must have felt.

The fire was finally brought under control without much damage being done, (which was a miracle in itself). The mother recovered quickly, but those children never forgot the destructive power of one little match.

This is a true picture of sin. You may know the destructive power of one match, but do you realize the destructive power of one sin? It will set a fire roaring in your soul that nothing short of a miracle of Divine Grace can extinguish. Run to Jesus and He will help you to avoid the greatest tragedy that could ever happen—a life of sin. He will perform the greatest miracle that has ever been performed — a sinner saved by grace.

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Heaven is cheap at any cost.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

Sometimes older boys and girls like to play with boys and girls who are younger than they are as it makes them feel real important because they are larger, run faster, are in a higher grade, and maybe know more than the younger. This attitude on the part of a boy or girl is not good. The Bible tells us that those who compare themselves with others are not wise. (2 Cor. 10:12.)

Our lesson is about a man who compared himself with a poor sinner woman. Jesus taught him a lesson about his thoughts. We trust that you also will get the point today. We have and are nothing, only as God has given to us, therefore we have nothing to boast of. We brought nothing into this world and we can't take anything out when we die.

In the Bible times when the rich gave a great feast it was customary for oth-

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ers who were not invited to come and stand around at the wall where the feast was being served. The rich liked to show off their riches but would not give food to those around, but only served the invited ones. Simon had invited Jesus to come to his house to eat. Simon was a Pharisee. He felt that he was a good, righteous man. We do not know why, but Simon did not offer Jesus the common courtesies of that day. The men wore sandals and generally they were offered a pan of water to wash their feet when they entered their homes. And generally, a man guest was greeted with a kiss on the cheek. Maybe this Pharisee wanted Jesus to visit him so that he could watch him at close range. He might have intended to ask him some questions.

Our lesson tells us about the dear sinner woman who came to watch, also. She slipped up to Jesus and began to show her great love for him. Maybe she noticed how he had been neglected and she loved him so much. Probably she just intended to pour the precious ointment on him, but she was overcome with tears. She wiped the tears from his feet with the hairs of her head and kissed his feet. It seems from the reading, that they were reclining on couches and it was easy for her to reach his

feet. In ancient literature this was done for those to whom great honor was to be shown.

Every eye was upon Jesus as he calmly took in the scene. He made no move to stop her. Thoughts arose in the minds of those who looked on in shocked silence. Simon, who had invited him, wondered if he, indeed, knew the hearts of all people and that this woman was a great sinner. He began to doubt that Jesus was truly a prophet but he did not have to wonder long, because Jesus answered the thoughts which he had not dared to utter. He knew that Simon felt that he was more righteous than this woman. It did not pay him to compare himself with this woman, and, boys and girls, we should not compare ourselves with others, either.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 8, February 23, 1964

## SIMON AND THE REPENTANT WOMAN

Luke 7:36-50

Luke 7:36 And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat.

37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,

38 And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

39 Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.

40 And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on.

41 There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty.

42 And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most?

43 Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged.

44 And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head.

45 Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet.

46 My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment.

47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.

48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.

49 And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also?

50 And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

Memory Verse: In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence. Eph. 1:7, 8.

Central Thought: Jesus loves the sinner and will forgive the most wicked person who humbly comes to Him.



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Part Nine

March 1

## Mary or Martha, Which?

Sweet Mary was contented  
(While Martha rushed about)  
To meekly sit and hear the Lord  
Bring truth from God's word out.

Sweet Martha sought to please Him  
A table fair to spread,  
While Mary feasted at His feet  
From His life-giving Bread.

Which do you choose, my little friend,  
To love, or toil to gain?  
One leads to life without an end:  
The other is but vain.

—Leslie Busbee

## "One Thing Needful"\*

"What did you learn at Sunday School this morning?" Dad asked Arlin and Gerald.

"'One thing is needful,'" quickly spoke Gerald.

"'One thing is needful,'" Dad re-

\*Parable

peated. "Who said that?"

"Don't you know, Daddy?" asked Arlin. "It was Jesus."

"Oh, why did you tell him?" Gerald said. "You know that Dad generally knows everything and I thought that we, at last, knew something that he didn't."

Dad laughed and said, "Well, if you had given me enough time I think I could have told you, but anyway, —what is the thing that is most needful?"

"Doing nothing but sitting at Jesus' feet," Arlin said.

"Oh, that isn't all it means," Gerald said. "Sister Davis explained it to us that we should take time to learn about Jesus. She said that nothing in this life is as important as knowing what Jesus wants us to do and doing it."

"Yes, that is the most important thing in life," Dad said as he picked the baby up from the floor. "Can't you just imagine Mary as she sat there listening to Jesus tell about how wonderful heaven is and how we must live to get there? Then all the ques-

tions that she had ever wanted to know the answers to, she could ask him and he could explain all about them to her. I am sure she forgot all about Martha needing help to get dinner. Her heart was so full of desires and Jesus was there to give her every desire of her heart. She surely chose the best part. That is what Jesus wants us to do. We should always take time to pray and to think about Jesus and His ways."

"That is what our teacher told us," Gerald said. "She said we should pray every morning and night to Jesus. I told her that my father, mother and all of us children had prayer together every morning before we went to school, and that Mother had each one of us pray before we went to bed every night."

"She said that was a very needful thing to do," spoke up Arlin. "She said that when it came time to die we would be glad that we had prayed and lived right."

"Sister Davis said that if Lazarus had not loved Jesus, he would never have been brought back to life," Gerald said. "Just think, he had been dead four days. Jesus is surely great and mighty."

"That is one reason we need to love Jesus, because in the last day after we have died, we will arise and be with him forever. —M. Miles

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## What Dottie Did

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Dottie was very fond of flowers. She longed to own and care for a lovely flower garden of her own, but this could not be. She lived in a great city, on a street where the sun never shone. They were poor people and Dottie's father had to rent a

house where he had to climb a great long flight of steps to reach his rooms.

Dottie could not have a flower garden because there was no room for one but this is what she did: One day she found an old broken flowerpot in the ash barrel. It had a tiny plant in it. Dottie took out the plant and set it in a nice tin can and nursed it till it grew. She loved it very much and was proud to call it her very own.

One day news came to Dottie that her little playmate, Josie, was taken to the hospital very sick. She did not love the dirty little girl very much, but she felt sorry that she was sick. Then a little gentle voice inside of Dottie kept saying to her, "Give your lovely flower-stalk to Josie she will enjoy it so." She tried hard not to hear the voice, but it kept on whispering to her. Oh! how Dottie loved the flower! She felt rather selfish. She wanted the lovely flower for herself. And didn't she deserve to have it, too? she thought.

But there was another sweet little voice inside that said, "Yes, indeed, I certainly will give the lovely flower-stalk to poor sick Josie. I have many other things to enjoy, but Josie has not, and she is so sick, besides." The naughty, selfish spirit was gone, and Dottie really enjoyed giving her lovely treasure to sick Josie.

In a short time a pretty lady came to Dottie's house and took her along to the country with her. There she roamed the fields and gathered all the lovely wild flowers she wanted. She was well repaid for her kind act; was she not?

Boys and girls who keep all their lovely things for themselves are not

the happiest boys and girls. Those like little Dottie, who share their good things with others, are the happiest. There is always some little sufferer whom you can make happy.

God gave the best He had. It was Jesus, His only Son. And He gave Himself to die for our sins. He wants us to believe on Him, and give ourselves to Him.

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When someone is nice to you it causes you to feel a warm glow within. Why not be kind to someone today and cause them to feel that same warm glow?

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

We have been studying about the different people that Jesus met while here on earth. He met the high and the lowly, the rich and the poor, the learned and the unlearned, the sick and lame, the demon-possessed and the multitude, the rulers, both of the state and the religion. Jesus had very few real close friends. He chose 12 disciples that he took with him most of the time. We are told about one home that he went to and those in that home were real close to him. It is a wonderful thing to go into a home and be treated well. A home where the boys and girls and mother and father are glad to entertain others has a good effect on those who come to that home. It is a wonderful place to be and a wonderful opportunity for those in that home to do something for God.

Jesus enjoyed going to such a home. This home is where Lazarus lived with his two sisters, Mary and Martha. Is your home a place that Jesus enjoys being in? Today he will dwell in spirit in a home where they invite him to be. Do you do anything that you would not

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want Jesus to see you do? There is a poem called, "If Jesus came to your house." What would he see you do?

One day Jesus was invited by Martha into her home. Possibly she was the older sister of Mary and Lazarus. How happy she was to have Jesus there. She wanted to fix the best meal and put out the best dishes, etc. She hurried here and there, even rushing, so she could get everything done. But Mary had her own way of entertaining Jesus. While Martha rushed about, Mary sat at his feet, not wanting to miss a word that he spoke. She was interested in the things of God and wanted to know more about the way to heaven. She seemed to forget everything and just sat there with an anxious desire to learn about God. No doubt, Martha had tried hard to get her attention by motioning, etc. for her to come and help her, but to no avail. She then boldly stepped up and asked Jesus, "Dost thou not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?" Jesus quietly said, "Martha, Martha, thou art troubled and careful about many things; but there is only one thing needful in this world, and that is to learn about the way to heaven. Mary has chosen this needful thing, and it shall not be taken away from her."

Again we notice at the time of Lazarus' death, that Martha didn't wait until Jesus arrived, but rushed out to meet him. She wanted to ask him: why he had not come immediately at their call. Mary followed her usual pattern of quietly waiting at home. In the last part of our lesson, we see the great devotion of Mary shown to Jesus by anointing his feet in the home of Simon the leper. Here Martha, again, was the hostess and served. Mary was the one who showed her depth of love to the Son of God. She had received some spiritual insight that made her know. Even at the graveside, she seemed to understand that Jesus knew and understood all things, while Martha had to be reassured, and her doubts removed. Boys and girls, it pays to take time to learn from Jesus. It will help you in life.

—Aunt Marie

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Lesson 9, March 1, 1964

MARY, MARTHA, AND LAZARUS

Luke 10:38-42, John 11:20-27, 12:1-3

Luke 10:38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.

40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

John 11:20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house.

21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

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 odour of the ointment.

Memory Verse: She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world. John 11:27.

Central Thought: We learn from Jesus that nothing is impossible for God to do.

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## One Thing I Know

He did not know the answer  
Their questions' strife to still  
Of those who sought in anger  
The Son of God to kill.

One thing he knew not doubting  
That blind he was before  
That Jesus' touch had healed him  
And opened mercy's door.

How many people question  
The story of God's Son.  
And shame the wond'rous message  
Of life to everyone.

—Leslie Busbee

## Blind Leading the Blind\*

"It is wrong to wear gold, isn't it, Daddy?" asked Elbert. "Jerry said that his preacher said that it did not hurt to wear gold, and that people who thought it was wrong were lopsided."

"Well, son, Jesus said, 'If ye love

\*Parable

me ye will keep my commandments',"  
Father said as he relaxed in his easy chair, after coming home from a hard day's work. "Hand me my Bible and I will let you read for yourself just what the Bible says about wearing gold and you can know, then. It will be God's saying and not mine. It doesn't make any difference what man says, it is what God tells us to do."

"Jerry said that his preacher said it was all right to go to movies, dances, and banquets. Oh, I don't know; he seemed to think you could do just anything," Elbert said as he got his father's Bible for him. "He said that his preacher smoked, too, but of course, he did say that his preacher didn't think young boys should smoke. I asked him what his preacher thought there was that was wrong to do."

"Well, son," Father said, "that preacher is blind, spiritually blind, and it is sad, because he is leading others astray."

"You mean blind like Mrs. Arnold?" Elbert said. "Do you know the

preacher?"

"No, I don't know him," Father said as he turned the pages of his Bible to 1 Timothy 2:9. "I said he was spiritually blind. He has read in the Bible what God requires of us and has just shut his eyes to the truth until now he can just say it doesn't mean what it says. He is deceived and is deceiving others. He knows that many would not follow him if he told them the truth. That would mean a cut in his wages and a loss of his popularity. But he will have to give an account to God for this. Now here is how the Bible reads plainly about the wearing of gold. You read it for yourself and tell me what it says."

"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array," read Elbert. "Well, it says that women should not adorn themselves with pearls or gold. That would mean they should not wear gold."

"Who is wearing gold?" Alice asked as she came into the room. "I know I am not because the Bible tells us not to."

"That is just what Elbert read in the Bible," Father said. "There is another place in 1 Pet. 3:3 that also tells us that it is wrong to wear gold but that the Lord loves a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price."

"I am going to tell Jerry he had better not follow that blind preacher, because he is wrong," Elbert said. The Bible said in one place that if the blind lead the blind that they both would fall into the ditch. I am sure that is what our Sunday

School teacher told us because I remember thinking of poor Mrs. Arnold following someone who was blind and falling into a ditch. That would be pretty rough on her since she doesn't get around too well, anyway."

"It is safe to follow God's Word and then we will be sure to make it into heaven," Father said. "We can't depend upon what man tells us but we want to read it for ourselves. Jesus said that we were not of the world and the world would not love us as they did not love Him. We need not be surprised that the world thinks we are lopsided. They are blind and can't see straight. A blind person may think he is right, in the direction he is going, but does not know he is wrong unless someone who can see, tells him. We want to always do what God tells us and we will then be sure we are ready for heaven."

—M. Miles

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## "I Praise God"

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The following is a testimony from a brother Tom Akpan who lives in Nigeria, W. Africa, who is blind and has to beg for his needs. He is a happy man and always praising God. He has said that God has protected him from any dangers such as motor accidents, bicycle accidents, fallen trees and branches, treading on dangerous snakes and he thanks God for surviving all these.

"Why shouldn't I praise God? He created the rich, the poor, dumb, and blind like myself. It is the height of folly to blame the creator for all these deficiencies. We humans can mould our plates, pots, etc., and give them what shape we like, and I am one of those He has given a seem-

ingly bad shape at the eyes—just as you would bend the end of your plate before it is dry. Nothing that we on this earth can do, can change that shape but to break it.” He then sang a song. He was happy.

—Bro. Etuk, Nigeria

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## About Victory

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Boys and girls, who tempts you to sin? Yes, it is Satan; but there is One who can help you to gain the victory each time you are tempted. Yes, it is the Lord Jesus.

How can you gain the victory? Through prayer. Ask Jesus to help you to remain true to Him. He will give you the strength. Shun companions who try to lead you to do evil. As far as possible, choose Christian playmates and friends. Stay away from places where you will get into trouble. Read your Bible daily, and learn many of its verses by heart. Once, when Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness, Jesus recited a Bible verse to Satan; and Satan left Him. The Scripture will help us, too, to remain faithful if we make use of it. Boys and girls, may each one of you be victorious over sin through our Lord Jesus Christ who is our Saviour from sin. This is our earnest prayer for each one of you.

—Mildred Donehoo

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson today is a long one. We have printed only parts of this wonderful story about how Jesus healed the man who was born blind. It would be good to read the whole ninth chapter of St. John. Jesus healed the blind man and the Pharisees did not like it. Jesus

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told them in the last verse that they had sin but appeared very righteous. They, too, were blind, but didn't recognize it. People who do not believe there is a heaven and hell and don't get ready for heaven, are spiritually blind.

You can close your eyes and walk about and in a little while know how it is to be blind. But what if you had never been able to see! Do you know any boy or girl or anyone who is blind? They do miss so much and would enjoy many little things that we do not notice. They would gaze in wonderment at a tree or at the sky. Oh, so many things would be so wonderful to them! How much a child, who is blind, would love to see its mother's face! They have felt of it, but they would stand with fixed gaze upon that loving face if their eyes were suddenly opened. Do you know anyone who is spiritually blind?

How happy this man was when Jesus took a little clay and put it on his eyes and they were opened! He obeyed Jesus and just simply went and washed in the pool. Just those simple things Jesus asks us to do, bring great blessings to us. The Bible said, "He came seeing."

The Pharisees, who were a religious group of that day, did not like the teachings of Jesus. Just before this incident, they had taken up stones and

tried to kill Jesus, because he had told them that before Abraham was, he had lived. He had also told them that he was the "light of the world" and those who followed him would not walk in darkness, or be spiritually blind, but would have the "light of life." Jesus just passed out through their midst unharmed, and then he healed the blind man. They were still enraged with him, so found fault with him, after questioning the blind man. After this miracle, some of them thought that surely he must be of God, because a sinner could not do a miracle like that. There was a division among them. Some would not believe it was he who was the blind beggar. They called his parents, but they were afraid to say anything, and told them to ask him, because he was of age. After questioning him, they cast him out of their midst. This was a serious thing, and the poor man didn't know what to do about it all. He rejoiced to know he could see, yet he could not understand why others treated him the way they did and could not rejoice with him. No doubt, he felt sad. Jesus knows all things and he looked for him to comfort him. He blessed him and forgave him of his sins. He also rebuked the Pharisees for their stand. Jesus is truly a friend in every time of need. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 10, March 8, 1964

## THE MAN BORN BLIND

John 9:13-17, 24-25, 33-38

John 9:13 They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind.

14 And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.

15 Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight.

He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see.

16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.

17 They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.

24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.

25 He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.

33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.

34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?

36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?

37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.

38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

Memory Verse: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:7.

Central Thought: Jesus loves those who are cast out from any group and desires to help them.



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## What is Truth?

"What is Truth?" asked Pilate  
wond'ring  
As the Lord before him stood;  
O'er this question he was pond'ring  
For the choice of right and good.

"What is Truth?" a question ever  
In the minds of men below;  
Those in search of life forever  
Seek its paths to fully know.

Jesus is the Truth, Salvation  
He a good confession gave;  
To the true a revelation  
By his triumph o'er the grave.  
—Leslie Busbee

## EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER WRITTEN BY PONTIUS PILATE TO TIBERIUS CAESAR, EMPEROR OF ROME

A young man, it was said,  
had appeared in Galilee, preaching  
with noble unction, a new law in the  
name of the God that had sent him.

At first I was apprehensive that his design was to stir up the people against the Romans; but my fears were soon dispelled. Jesus of Nazareth spake rather as a friend of the Romans than the Jews. One day in passing by the place of Siloe, where there was a great concourse of people, I observed in the midst of the group a young man who was leaning against a tree, calmly addressing the multitude. I was told it was Jesus. This I could easily have suspected, so great was the difference between him and those listening to him. His golden colored hair and beard gave to his appearance a celestial aspect.

He appeared to be about thirty years of age. Never have I seen a sweeter or more serene countenance.

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Jesus was dragged before the high priest, and condemned to death. It was then that the high priest, Caiaphas, performed a divisory act of submission. He sent his prisoner to me to pronounce his condemnation and secure his execution. I answered him that, as Jesus was a Galilean, the

affair came in Herod's jurisdiction, and ordered him to be sent hither. The wily Tetrarch professed humility, and, protesting his preference to the Lieutenant of Caesar, he committed the fate of the man to my hands. Soon my palace assumed the aspect of a besieged citadel. Every moment increased the number of the seditionists. Jerusalem was inundated with crowds from the mountains of Nazareth. All Judea appeared to be pouring into the devoted city. I had taken a wife from among the Gauls, who had pretended to see into futurity. Weeping and throwing herself at my feet, "Beware," said she to me, "beware, and touch not that man; for he is holy. Last night I saw him in a vision. He was walking on the waters; he was flying on the wings of the wind. He spoke to the tempest, and to the fishes of the lake; all were obedient to him. Behold, the torrent in Mount Kedron flows with blood, the statues of Caesar are filled with gemonide; the columns of the interium have given away, and the sun is veiled in mourning like a vestal in the tomb. Ah! Pilate, evil awaits thee. If thou wilt not listen to the vows of thy wife, dread the curse of a Roman Senate; dread the frowns of Caesar."

By this time the marble stairs groaned under the weight of the multitude. The Nazarene was brought back to me. I proceeded to the halls of justice, followed by my guard, and asked the people in a severe tone what they demanded.

"The death of the Nazarene," was the reply.

"For what crime?"

"He has blasphemed; he has prophesied the ruin of the Temple; he

calls himself the Son of God, the Messiah, the King of the Jews."

"Roman justice," said I, "punishes not such offenses with death."

"Crucify him! Crucify him!" belched forth the relentless rabble.

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I then ordered him to be scourged hoping this might satisfy them; but it only increased their fury. I then called for a basin and washed my hands in the presence of the clamorous multitude, thus testifying that in my judgment, Jesus of Nazareth had done nothing worthy of death; but in vain. It was his life these wretches thirsted for.

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All around me was deserted. Jerusalem had vomited forth her indwellers through the funeral gate that leads to Gemonica. An air of desolation and sadness enveloped me. My guards had joined the cavalry, and the centurion, to display a shadow of power, was endeavoring to keep order. I was left alone, and my breaking heart admonished me that what was passing at that moment appertained rather to the history of the gods than that of men. A loud clamor was heard proceeding from Golgotha, which borne on the winds, seemed to announce an agony such as was never heard by mortal ears. Dark clouds lowered over the pinnacle of the temple, and setting over the city covered it as with a veil. So dreadful were the signs that men saw both in the heavens and on the earth, that Dionysius the Areopagite is reported to have exclaimed, "Either the author of nature is suffering, or the universe is falling apart."

Whilst these appalling scenes of nature were transpiring, there was a

dreadful earthquake in lower Egypt, which filled everybody with fear, and scared the superstitious Jews almost to death. It is said Balthasar, an aged and learned Jew of Antioch, was found dead after the excitement was over. Whether he died from alarm or grief is not known. He was a strong friend of the Nazarene.

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## Your Field

"If I were a farmer," said Jack to his mother, "I wouldn't let any old weeds grow in my field."

"But how about the field you do own?" asked his mother, very seriously. "I thought I saw a weed sprouting up in it the other day."

"The field I do own?" asked Jack in surprise.

"The other day I heard you use a slang word, something I never heard you do before. I said, 'Someone has sown a weed in Jack's heart.'" —Sel.

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

Our lesson deals only with Jesus meeting with Pilate, the ruler. The Jewish leaders met in the night after they had taken Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane, and passed judgment upon him. They hastily condemned him to death in a night trial but the law forbid them from passing the death sentence at a night trial, so they brought him to Pilate. Evidently Pilate had been forced to get out of bed in the night. His wife must have slept late. She had a dream and was troubled. She sent word to Pilate to have nothing to do with that just man. Matt. 27:19.

The Jews would not go into the judgment hall because they had eaten the Passover meal and were to partake of

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the feast that day. They were forbidden to go into the Gentile's house because it would make them defiled and unfit to eat at the feast. They were very rigid in their laws and believed in keeping them to the letter. They were so blinded. The very Passover they were keeping, was a type of Jesus, the one whom they sought to kill. Can you tell about the first passover meal that was kept?

Pilate had to face Jesus alone. No doubt, he had kept up with the movements of Jesus because of the multitudes that followed him. It was Pilate's business to have soldiers ready to put down any group who were trying to come against the Roman government. So he probably checked any large group. He was in the city when Jesus came riding into Jerusalem on a donkey as the people shouted praises to him as their king. He was the promised Messiah the old Testament had told about. Pilate probably did not understand what it was all about, but he took note that it was a spiritual king and therefore it didn't affect the security of the Roman government.

It seemed that Pilate did not know what to do with Jesus. He would go out into the street and talk to the Jews and then come back and talk to Jesus. Pilate knew there was no legal reason

why Jesus should be put to death and he tried to get out of it, but he had it to face. He knew that his own position, and maybe his own life, was in danger if he did not do what the Jews wanted done to Jesus. In Luke 23:2 we read the three charges they brought against Jesus. When Pilate asked him if he was the king of the Jews, Jesus asked him if he was just asking that because of the people. Pilate had asked a question that if he had sincerely wanted an answer, it would have meant his eternal destiny. Jesus made him know that he could not easily shift his responsibility and wash his hands in dealing with His case. Jesus let him know that he was dealing with a king of a kingdom that was not of this world. If not of this world, then what world? Pilate knew he was being warned that he stood before the Judgment Bar of heaven. He would have to answer for his deeds in that great Day. Boys and girls, we, too, will have to give an account of all our deeds in this life. Each of us will either accept or reject Jesus when we meet him in this life.

—Aunt Marie

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Lesson 11, March 15, 1964

## PILATE JUDGED BY JESUS

John 18:28-38

John 18:28 Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover.

29 Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man?

30 They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.

31 Then said Pilate unto them, Take

ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:

32 That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.

33 Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?

34 Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?

35 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done?

36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all.

Memory Verse: Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. John 18:37.

Central Thought: We will be falsely accused in this world, like Jesus.

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## A Letter to Youth

To show you how an individual starts out with first a little crime and then progresses to bigger and more hurtful crimes, I'd like now to attempt to give you a thumb-nail sketch of how I started and right on up to my present life. Crime, in many respects, is a result of bad habits. You steal something small, get away without getting caught, and the success of these first small ventures makes you feel brave and bold to go on to bigger things, until it becomes a habit for you to steal and ruins your life.

In my life, as I remember back, my first recollection of theft was empty soda pop and milk bottles from neighbors' yards in the area of where I lived in my home town. These bottles brought money at the local stores, and the people I took them from never questioned a couple of them missing. I doubt very much they even knew the number of bottles they possessed and didn't even realize

somebody was stealing them. Anyway, here I was, making my few nickels and dimes and not getting caught. Success was taking its hold on me, and eventually these nickels and dimes were not enough.

During World War II many things were in very great demand by the general public, as things were quite hard to get. Two of the greatest things in demand were inner tubes for automobile tires and antifreeze. In my roving one day, I happened upon a garage where I discovered a good supply of inner tubes and cases of Prestone antifreeze. I thought I'd be smart and not take it all, for then it would be noticed. Instead, I decided to take a little at a time, figuring in that way it wouldn't be missed. Almost every service station in town would go wild for an inner tube or gallon of Prestone, and never a question would be asked. So here I progressed to my bigger money by stealing a tire or can of antifreeze and selling them at \$5.00 a piece at several local service stations. But this time there was a change in my suc-

cess, for here I got caught. My smartness at feeling a few items now and then wouldn't be missed, was, as you can imagine, not very smart after all. So, did I go to jail? No, I only received a sound talking to from the chief of police and my parents.

I remember some time later where three other boys and myself worked all night stealing empty cases of beer bottles from behind a local tavern in town and putting them in the basement of an unused building a half block away. These empty cases brought us 50 cents a piece at a number of places around town, and this night we took over 200 cases. Several days later we were caught once again, this time taking a wagon load of these cases to trade in for money. I had gone back to bottles again but in a much greater scale than the few soda pop and milk bottles previous to this. Can you see this step by step climb from small things to bigger things? The chains are becoming harder and harder to break, especially when all we again received was another talking to from the police and our parents.

The crime that took me to the training school at Red Wing, Minn. was the breaking in of the national guard armory. A group of boys and I broke the door down to the gun room and then broke the locks off the gun racks and made off with a large amount of arms. These arms ranged from rifles to pistols and was topped off by a bazooka and two shells. It's a wonder we weren't killed, for we tried to fire all the guns; but by the grace of God the firing pins on every gun had been removed and placed in the armory safe, which we could neither move nor en-

ter. The Lord was truly watching over a sinful group of boys those few days.

After spending four years and three months at the state reformatory, I was paroled, but within a few years I was back in crime. Only now the soda pop and milk bottles had progressed to forgery and fraud. Because of some family problems I was too weak to face up to, I decided to leave the state of Minnesota. But this took money, so I put this chosen profession of mine to work once again. I sold a car I owned, but which had been financed for full value. I also cashed \$1,600 worth of bad checks over an eight-hour period. With these proceeds, I left my home in Minnesota and settled for two years in the state of California; but once again crime had me on the go, and the end of my road came in the state of Louisiana, where I murdered a man in attempted robbery. From a few bottles to death row, I await my execution for this murder. What price crime? I'll let you answer this yourself.

Of course, this isn't the whole picture; for to tell everything in detail would be next to impossible. All the car thefts, all the break-ins, all the bricks through store windows and running away with the goods from display cases, all the false checks cashed, plus a thousand and one other things is one side. The other side takes in the tears and heartbreak suffered by your loved ones, to say nothing of the tears, grief, and heartbreak suffered by those who have been the butt of this theft, this damage to property, and taking of a human life.

You know, the true courage in life

today is the same courage that has always been there. This is the courage to take your life and live it in dedication to Christ. There is no thrill in life to compare with this, and those who say there is, speak with the tongue of the devil. I know, for I've lived both sides of it; and the only thing I've found to have meaning, depth, and lastingness to me is the courage it takes to live for Christ and the thrill I get doing it. Praise the Lord!

When others try to lead you into the so-called thrills of the world, just pause a minute and think back to the life of one young man who started out stealing soda pop and milk bottles and ended up on death row for murder. Think of it; let it seep into your inner being to make you sick. Then get down on your knees and seek your thrill in the only place it can be had—the cross of Calvary and the shed blood of our Saviour, Jesus. God be with you.

Yours in Christian love,

—Wayne Turner

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### CHRIST IN THE HEART

Martin Luther used to say: "When one comes and knocks at the door of my heart and asks, 'Who lives here?' I reply, 'Martin Luther used to, but he has moved out, and Jesus Christ now lives here!'"

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

We have a sad lesson today and it would be sad indeed if we thought our precious Lord had suffered in vain. As you study this lesson, be sure to think that Jesus went through all of this that you and I might be saved; that we might live in heaven in eternity. How we

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ought to love our precious Lord and Saviour. He proved his great love for us. We are the ones who had sinned, but Jesus bore our sins for us; took our punishment that we might go free. If we believe on him, we will be saved.

Our lesson brings us to the point where Jesus was being taken to the place called "Calvary" or "Golgotha" which is translated, "The Skull." (The hill where he was crucified looks like a skull. It has two caves on one side and it looks very much like two eyeless sockets from a distance.) They drove nails into his precious hands and feet. They lifted the cross up and let it fall with a thud into the hole, tearing his precious hands and feet that were already bleeding. Our precious Saviour was innocent and only came to do good in this world. He had feelings just as you and I. He was in a fleshly body. He was willing to let them do this that we might be saved. He could have called for thousands of angels and they would have helped him, but then, how could you and I be saved? He was willing to suffer in our stead.

There were two thieves in the prison at this time. They were brought forth to be crucified with Him. The people wanted to make it look as if Jesus were just like them. Since they could not

find any wrong in him, they thought they could sneer at Him and point out to others the company he kept. One was put on the right side of Jesus and the other on the left. These two thieves had lived wicked lives. They both had gone to the lowest ebb of sin. Together they were in prison and together they were put on the cross. Their lives had been hard. The devil gets people into many troubles, but he never helps them out. Some men of crime start their stealing at an early age. One person said he started stealing when he was nine years old and kept it up. Oh, how sad! Their end is sad indeed unless they change and ask forgiveness, and clean up their lives. The Bible says, "the way of the transgressor [or sinner] is hard."

One of the thieves joined in with the sneering crowd who mocked and made fun of our precious Lord. The other one saw the sweet forgiving spirit of Jesus when he said, "Father, forgive them: for they know not what they do," and his heart of sin was touched. He recognized that truly Jesus was a king, the son of God. His heart was melted into repentance. He humbled himself and asked to be remembered when He came into his kingdom. Jesus saw the heart of this man and told him, "Today thou shalt be with me in paradise." The two thieves parted that day. One went to be with Jesus, the other went to be with the devil and all those who reject God.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, March 22, 1964

## THE TWO THIEVES

Luke 23:32-43

Luke 23:32 And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.

33 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

35 And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.

36 And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar,

37 And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself.

38 And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

39 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.

Memory Verse: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9.

Central Thought: Those who believe on Jesus will be with Jesus in heaven.



# The Beautiful Way



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## Mary and Thomas

She saw Him in the garden,  
Her eyes were filled with tears;  
Her doubtings found a pardon  
And calmed were all her fears.

He doubted of the Saviour  
As risen from the dead,  
And longed to prove by touching  
The wounds where Jesus bled.

And when he saw Him standing  
His doubts were wiped away;  
Oh, children, let's believe Him!  
He's risen yet today!

—Leslie Busbee

## EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER WRITTEN BY PONTIUS PILATE TO TIBERIUS CAESAR, EMPEROR OF ROME

"Father," said I to him, after gaining control of my feelings, "who are you, and what is your request?"

"I am Joseph of Arimathea," he replied, "and am come to beg of you upon my knees the permission to bury Jesus of Nazareth."

"Your prayer is granted," said I to him; and at the same time ordered Manlius to take some soldiers with him to superintend the interment lest it should be profaned.

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When the great excitement arose about the sepulcher being found empty, I felt a deeper solicitude than ever. I sent for Malcus, who told me he had placed his lieutenant, Ben Isham, with one hundred soldiers around the sepulcher. He told me that Isham and the soldiers were very much alarmed at what had occurred there that morning. I sent for this man Isham, who related to me as near as I can remember the following circumstances: He said at about the beginning of the fourth watch, they saw a soft and beautiful light over the sepulcher. He at first thought that the women had come to embalm the body of Jesus, as was their custom, but he could not see

how they had got through the guards. Whilst these reflections were passing through his mind, behold, the whole place was lighted up, and there seemed to be crowds of the dead in their grave clothes. All seemed to be shouting and filled with ecstasy, while all around and above was the most beautiful music he had ever heard; and the whole air seemed to be full of voices praising God. At this time there seemed to be a reeling and swimming of the earth, so that he turned so sick and faint that he could not stand on his feet. He said the earth seemed to swim from under him, and his senses left him, so that he knew not what did occur. I asked him in what condition he was when he came to himself? He said he was lying on the ground with his face down. I asked him if he could not have been mistaken as to the light? Was it not day that was coming in the east? He said at first he thought of that, but at a stone's cast it was exceedingly dark; and then he remembered it was too early for day. I asked him if his dizziness might not have come from being awakened up and getting up too suddenly, as it sometimes had that effect? He said he was not, and had not been asleep all night, as the penalty was death for him to sleep on duty. He said he had let some of the soldiers sleep at a time. Some were asleep then. I asked him how long the scene lasted? He said he did not know but he thought nearly one hour. He said it was hid by the light of day. I asked him if he went to the sepulcher after he had come to himself? He said not, because he was afraid; that just as soon as relief came they all went to their quarters.

I asked him if he had been interrogated by the priests? He said he had. They wanted him to say it was an earthquake, and to say they were asleep and offered him money to tell that the disciples came and stole him; but he saw no disciples; he did not know that the body was gone until he was told so. I asked him what was the private opinion of those priests he had conversed with. He said some of them thought that Jesus was no man; that he was not a human being; that he was not the son of Mary; that he was not the same that was said to be born of the virgin in Bethlehem; that the same person had been on the earth before with Abraham and Lot, and at many times and places.

It seems to me if the Jewish theory be true, these conclusions would be correct, for, to sum up his life, it would be in accord with this man's life, as is known and testified by both friends and foes; for the elements were no more in his hands than the clay in the hands of the potter. He could convert water into wine; he could change death into life, diseases into health; he could calm the seas, still the storms, call up the fish with a silver coin in its mouth. Now, I say if he could do all these things—which he did, and many more as the Jews testify; and it was doing these things that created this enmity against him; he was not charged with criminal offenses, nor was he charged with violating any law, nor of wronging any individual in person; all these facts are known to thousands, as well by his foes as by his friends; so I am almost ready to say, as did Manulas at the cross, "Truly this was the Son of God."

## BURIED FOREVER

"Are you sure you are saved, Howard?" a minister asked.

"Yes, Sir," answered the young boy, smiling.

"And how do you know you are saved, my boy?"

"Because I have trusted Jesus, and He says it, sir."

"But you have sinned against God haven't you? What about your sins, Howard?"

"They were all laid upon Jesus when He died upon the cross, and He left them all buried in His grave. They are buried forever, too."

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Dear Boys and Girls:—

Today is Easter Sunday. It is supposed to be the time when we think of something wonderful. What do you think of when you think of Easter? Is it a new dress or hat? Is it baskets or eggs? Is it a rabbit, or a big time of getting together with your family? What should you think of most? Yes, we should think of it as being the time of the resurrection of Jesus. Many people today do not think of Jesus at all on Easter. How sad this is! It is a time of rejoicing as we think of Jesus coming forth from the tomb. Jesus is alive! Jesus is our Saviour and is sitting on the right hand of God interceding for you and me. Some people worship great men of the past. In Russia, they think of Lenin and Stalin as great men and applaud them for what they did for their country, but they are dead and gone. We worship a living Saviour who did so much for us and is still doing for us.

Our lesson tells us about Mary, who came to the tomb looking for Jesus. When she saw the two angels beside an

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empty tomb, she wept bitter tears. They asked her why she was weeping. She told them that someone had come and taken her Lord away and she did not know where. She turned around to leave. Someone asked her why she was weeping, and she thought it was the gardener of the cemetery and she said, "If you have taken him away, tell me where you have laid him." Then Jesus spoke her name. Oh, dear boys and girls, when tears blind your eyes because of some deep trouble, seek after Jesus as Mary did. You will find that he will be very close and will speak your name in the tenderest tones of comfort. Go to him in prayer and pour out your heart to him and you will arise with a comforted heart and new courage to go on. Make Jesus your personal friend and helper. Many times in prayer, Jesus will tell you what to do to help you forget your great trouble. He gave Mary a message to take to the disciples. He said, "Go tell them that I have ascended unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God and your God." They did not need to wonder any more where he was.

Mary told the disciples that she had seen their Lord, but Thomas doubted that Jesus had arisen. He had to see for himself. One day Jesus appeared

unto Thomas and told him to reach his hand into his side that had been pierced and from whence had come water and blood. He told him to put his fingers into his nail-pierced hands. Thomas was overwhelmed with gladness and belief. He said, "My Lord and my God." Now, Jesus told Thomas that he believed because he saw him, but he said, "Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed." Boys and girls, that is a blessing upon you and me. We have not seen, with our literal eyes, the nail-scarred hands, but we believe because we have believed the report. We that are saved, believe, because it did something in our hearts and lives.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, March 29, 1964

(Easter Sunday)

## MARY MAGDALENE AND THOMAS

John 20:11-18; 24-29

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 saith unto her, Mary. She

turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; 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.

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails; and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

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.

Memory Verse: Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. John 20:29.

Central Thought: We are serving a living Christ.