

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR JANUARY 6

JOHN PREPARES THE WAY FOR JESUS.

LESSON TEXT—Mark 1:1-11.
GOLDEN TEXT—Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world.—John 1:29.
PRIMARY MEMORY VERSE—Thou shalt call his name Jesus. For it is he that shall save his people from their sins.—Matt. 1:21.
INTERMEDIATE, SENIOR AND ADULT TOPIC—Heralds of the king.
ADDITIONAL MATERIAL FOR TEACHERS—Isa. 40:3-5; Luke 3:1-3; Luke 3:5-25; 29-50; Matt. 3:1-17; Luke 3:1-8; John 1:19-42.

The first lesson for this year marks the introduction of The Improved Uniform series of International Sunday School Lessons. This series has grown out of several years of frank discussion and the presentation of many proposed lesson schemes. It is an effort to conserve the benefits of the uniform system of lessons with the desire to adapt the lessons as thoroughly as possible to the modern pedagogical idea of graded instruction for the various departments of the school: an attempt to provide for the whole school as though and as teachable a uniform lesson idea as possible.

Special topics and special memory verses and additional scriptural material have been designated wherever it has been deemed possible whereby to make the lessons more helpful to the pupils of different departments. It is the beginning of an eight-year cycle, chosen with the view first, of incorporating several short topical courses in addition to the usual series on the chronological basis, and second the committee had in mind the desirability of more frequent survey of the entire Bible with varying methods of approach than is possible under a six-years cycle. Finally, to harmonize in the period of the cycle the newly adopted quadrennial conventions of the International Sunday School association. Where no topic, memory verse or additional material is indicated for inter-departments of schools, it is intended that uniform material should be employed for such departments.

Occasionally the general title and lesson may be found to be more helpful than the special topics or additional material as indicated for a given department. Sunday school leaders frankly acknowledge that this new plan is an experiment. It is hoped, however, that the long continued controversies over graded lessons, extra-biblical material and uniform lessons may find a solution in this newer plan.

Mark's Gospel pictures Jesus as the servant; therefore, it makes no reference whatever to his genealogy. The key-word to this gospel is the word "straightway," which is used more than forty times, and it is a suggestion as regards the obedience of a servant.

I. Introduction (vv. 1-3). The beginning of the gospel is meant the beginning of the blessed story as told by the evangelist, Mark. Note it is a fulfillment of prophecy (Mal. 3:1; Isa. 60:3). Mark is here more particularly referring to Isaiah. This is the period in the life of Christ between his temple experience and the day of his baptism, when he first entered public life into the real history of Israel. Jesus must needs have a herald, even as an earthly king is announced before his arrival. Christ himself is the living word (John 1:1), though the voice which announces him is the voice of a man—John the Baptist. The baptism of John was unto repentance and the remission of sins. It must not be confused with Christian baptism. Some interesting questions arise as to the life of Jesus before this event—his religious habits (Luke 4:16); his attitude toward the word of God and its prophecies (Luke 4:17-21); the work he had been doing in Nazareth (Mark 6:3).

II. The Baptizer. (vv. 4-9). To know what kind of a man John was, we must look up Mark 1:6 and Matt. 3:4. His religious convictions are interesting also. They were a matter of his heart (Luke 3:8), a thing of his daily life (Luke 3:10). He was a man who held to a strict moral standard (Mark 6:18). His method and his message were a protest and a warning as well as a preparation. Repentance is not remission of sin (I John 1:9). John demanded "fruit" which should accompany repentance (Matt. 3:8, 9). His message was not national but individual and his suggestion (Matt. 3:10-12) of future punishment for wrong-doing is only exceeded by the words of our Lord himself.

III. The Baptism (vv. 10, 11). Baptism is always an emblem, a symbol. (See Matt. 3:11; Luke 3:8; Mark 1:8; Rom. 6:4.) It is a public identification, a public consecration and confession of faith. Jesus Christ himself took the place of sinners (II Cor. 5:21). While this lesson is a lesson of the herald who preceded our Lord, who came to prepare the way and to usher in his kingdom, still there is the other side which we cannot forget, and in teaching this lesson we must emphasize, the character of the king whom John came to herald.

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Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Alliance, Nebraska, Nov. 7, 1917.

Notice is hereby given that John G. Hennings, of Hemingford, Nebraska, who, on December 2, 1914, made Homestead Entry, Serial No. 017053, for L4, Sec. 2, lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, S 1/2 NE 1/4, S 1/2 NW 1/4, N 1/2 SE 1/4 and N 1/2 SW 1/4 of Section 3, Township 23 North Range 50 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three-year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office at Alliance, Nebraska, on the 19th day of January, 1918.

Claimant names as witnesses: Charles C. Coker, George H. Hagaman, R. R. Reddish and A. G. Underwood, all of Alliance, Nebraska. T. J. O'KEEFE, Register. 50-91-862-8820.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

State of Nebraska, Box Butte County

In the Matter of the Estate of Ferdinand Trenkle, Deceased. I, Ira E. Tash, County Judge of Box Butte County, Nebraska, hereby notify all persons having claims and demands against the estate of Ferdinand Trenkle that I have set and appointed the 28th day of March, 1918, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the County Court room in Alliance, for the examination of all claims against the estate of said decedent with a view to their allowance and payment.

All persons interested as creditors of the said estate will present their claims to me at said time, or show cause for not so doing, and in case any claims are not so presented by publication thereof for four consecutive weeks in The Alliance Herald, a mid time they shall be forever barred. Township 25 North, Range 50 West, Sixth Principal Meridian. newspaper published in Alliance, prior to the day of hearing. Given under my hand and the seal of said court this 21st day of November, 1917.

IRA E. TASH, County Judge. (Seal.) Burton & Reddish, Attorneys. 54-4t-866-8824.

IN COUNTY COURT OF BOX BUTTE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

In County Court of Box Butte County, Nebraska.

In the Matter of the Estate of Henry Watson, deceased:

To all persons interested in the estate of Henry Watson, deceased:

You will notice that on the 13th day of December, 1917, John T. Watson, of the estate of Henry Watson, filed in said court his final account as administrator of said estate, and that said account will be for hearing on the 12th day of January, 1918, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the County Court Room in the City of Alliance, in said County; and you are required to appear at the time and place above named and show cause, if any there be, why said account should not be allowed.

It is ordered that said John T. Watson give notice of the time and place of said hearing, to all persons interested in said estate by causing this order to be published in the Alliance Herald, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county, for three consecutive weeks prior to said hearing.

Dated December 13th, 1917.

IRA E. TASH, County Judge. (Seal.)

L. A. BERRY, Attorney. 3-4t-870-8828.

NOTICE OF PETITION

In the Matter of the Estate of Marion B. Hutchinson, deceased, in the County Court of Box Butte County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, to all persons interested in said estate, take notice that a petition has been filed for the appointment of Elizabeth Shanklin, as administratrix of said estate, which has been set for hearing on January 11th, 1918, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1917.

IRA E. TASH, County Judge. (Seal.)

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Union Stock Yards, Omaha, Dec. 31, The week opened out with a very fair run of cattle, 6,300 head, and while the general market was not far from steady the best cattle selling at \$12.75@13.00 were unevenly lower than the close of last week. Cows and heifers were somewhat higher, and there was a stronger tone to the trade in stockers and feeders.

Quotations on Cattle: Prime heavy beefs, \$13.00@14.00; good to choice beefs, \$11.75@12.75; fair to good beefs, \$10.00@11.50; common to fair beefs, \$8.00@9.75; good to choice yearlings, \$12.00@14.00; fair to good yearlings, \$10.50@12.00; common to fair yearlings, \$8.50@10.50; good to choice grass beefs, \$10.00@11.25; fair to good grass steers, \$8.75@10.00; common to fair grass steers, \$6.50@8.50; good to choice heifers, \$8.00@10.50; good to choice cows, \$8.00@10.00; fair to good cows, \$6.75@8.00; canners and cutters, \$5.50@6.50; veal calves, \$10.00@12.75; beef bulls, \$8.00@10.25; bologna bulls, \$7.00@8.25; good to choice feeders, \$9.75@10.90; fair to good feeders, \$8.25@9.75; good to choice stockers, \$8.50@9.50; fair to good stockers, \$7.25@8.25; common to fair grades, \$6.00@7.00; stock heifers, \$6.50@8.25; stock cows, \$6.00@7.25; stock calves, \$6.00@9.00.

Hogs Sell 5@10c Higher.

A fair Monday's run of hogs showed up 4,000 head, and they changed hands readily at prices that were largely 5@10c higher than the close of last week. The market was a shade easier at the finish. Best heavy and butcher hogs brought \$16.75, and the bulk of the trading was at \$16.50@16.70. Just about 10c higher than a week ago.

A Steady Market for Lambs.

The run of sheep and lambs was tolerably liberal, 17,500 head, but demand from all sources was good and the market rather active at fully steady prices. Choice light lambs brought \$16.50 and choice ewes \$11.50. Trade in feeder grades was dull and unchanged.

Quotations on sheep and lambs: Lambs, handyweight, \$16.00@16.50; lambs, heavyweight, \$15.00@16.00; lambs, feeders, \$14.00@15.75; lambs, shorn, \$11.50@13.50; lambs, culls, \$10.00@14.00; yearlings, fair to choice, \$11.50@13.25; yearlings, feeders, \$12.00@14.25; wethers, fair to choice, \$11.00@12.50; ewes, fair to choice, \$10.00@11.50; ewes, breeders, all ages, \$10.50@16.50; ewes, feeders, \$7.50@10.50; ewes, culls and canners, \$5.00@7.25.

NOTICE TO DAIRYMEN.

Ordinance No. 219, Section 21, calling for the tubercular test of all milk cows, of which their milk is sold in Alliance, must be complied with at once or such action as necessary will be taken.

J. E. HUGHES, Deputy Milk Inspector.

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Notice for Publication—Isolated Tract.

Public Land Sale. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Alliance, Nebraska, Nov. 6, 1917.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Sec. 3455, R. S., pursuant to the application of Earl C. Barker, of Alliance, Nebr., Serial No. 018157, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$3.00 per acre, at 10 o'clock A. M., on the 8th day of January, next, at this office, the following tract of land: SE 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 25, amount thereof.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised immediately pay to the Receiver the ceased bidding. The person making the highest bid will be required to present at the hour named above. The sale will not be kept open, but will be declared closed when those to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

T. J. O'KEEFE, Register. J. C. MORROW, Receiver. Serial No. 017053. 49-8819-861-81 Serial No. 018157.

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Naturally many farmers, who have never kept books, will have to do some pretty close figuring to explain just where they stand. Everything must be accounted for. Living expenses and interest received from investments cannot be deducted from the total. Neither can a farmer allow a salary to himself and expect that to be deducted. Taxes, cost of repairs, but not improvements, and actual expenses connected with the farm may be deducted, but that does not include personal expenses.

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