

JESUS THE HEALER

Sunday School Lesson for March 6, 1910

LESSON TEXT.—Matthew 8:1-7. Memory Verse, 2:8.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses."—Matt. 8:17.

TIME.—The summer of A. D. 28, soon after the Sermon on the Mount.

PLACE.—Capernaum and vicinity, Jesus' home. John the Baptist in prison at Machberus castle.

Suggestion and Practical Thought. This and the two following lessons teach us how Jesus went about doing good, and how his disciples are to follow in his footsteps.

First. The Facts.—Immediately after the three chapters stating the principles and laws of the Kingdom of Heaven, there follow two chapters of miracles, ten in all, together with two records of numbers of sick people made sound in health.

In this case his object seems to have been (1) to show the authority of Jesus for the truths he had taught, (2) to illustrate the truths by his own life and example, (3) to show us how to follow his example.

I. The Healing of the Leper. An Incurable.—Vs. 2-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-16. Leprosy, both in Hebrew and Greek the word translated leprosy in the authorized version "refers in every instance (except where it is applied to garments or habitations) to one or other of the various types of disease called in medieval and modern times 'leprosy.' Though leprosy is rightly considered an almost incurable disease, yet it does, though very rarely, become completely cured."

"If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." An expression of faith in the divine power of Jesus; and the very act of coming proved his faith in Christ's goodness, while as this was the first recorded case of the kind he may have feared lest Jesus should not be willing to help such a loathsome outcast as he was.

3. "And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him," to aid his faith to show his friendship in spite of his repulsive disease, and to teach him whence the healing came. "I will; be thou clean." Then a marvelous change came over him. The blessing was unspeakably great. It transformed his body and his whole earthly life.

II. The Case of a Sick Man of the Palsy.—Vs. 5-13. "When Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, sick of the palsy." Jesus consented to go to his house.

10. "He marveled," for his great faith stood out clearly amid the prevailing unbelief. Only twice do we read in the gospel that the Saviour marveled and at only two things: Once at the unbelief of his fellow citizens at Nazareth (Mark 6:6), once at the faith of this heathen. The centurion's faith was great. It was founded on facts that he knew. It overcame great obstacles. It was unselfish. It was faith that worked. It was faith in God and his son Jesus. Jesus cured the man by his word.

III. Curing a Fever in the Home of a Disciple.—Vs. 14, 15. This miracle belong to a Sabbath day in the spring of A. D. 28, about two months before the Sermon on the Mount. In Capernaum. Parallels: Mark 1:24-31; Luke 4:38, 39. And when Jesus was come, from the synagogue where he had been preaching, and where during the services he had cast a fierce unclean spirit out of a demoniac. He went with four of his disciples, Andrew, Peter, James and John, to Peter's house. "His wife's mother."

15. Touched her hand. To express his kindly sympathy and courtesy, and to make it evident that the miraculous cure came from him. Luke says, he "rebuked the fever," commanded it to go, as if it were an enemy. "The fever left her; and she arose, and ministered unto them," showing the immediate completeness of the cure.

IV. A Sabbath Day's Work of Jesus for the Bringing Men into the Kingdom.—Vs. 16, 17; Mark 1:21-34; Luke 4:31-41. This was the same day as the healing of Peter's mother-in-law. "When the even was come," as the sun was setting (Mark). The multitude came after sunset. "Many that were possessed with devils." With demons or evil spirits. He laid his hands on them as he did with Peter's mother-in-law. All this fulfilled the picture of the Messiah painted in the book of Isaiah, chapter 53.

Illustration. The Washing Gate. In view of what Jesus did for the people in his day, and his readiness to give whatever is best for us, we can impress the truth on our scholars by the parable of the Washing Gate. "Among the English lakes, above the beautiful waters of Rydalmere, there is a lovely spot called the 'Washing Gate.' As some traveler describes it: 'An old gray wall fences in a road which runs beside the slopes below, shaded by varied trees and rich with wild flowers. In an opening in the wall stands an aged and venerable gate, much inscribed by names and initials of many generations.'"

An Austrian Presbyterian preacher in Baltimore, Rev. Vanek, has received from Emperor Francis Joseph the golden cross of merit—the only one ever received in this country—and a gift of \$2,500 in money, because of his services to Austrian immigrants in America.

As we must render an account of every idle word, so must we of our idle silence.—St. Ambrose.

The Moody Institute, Chicago, recently dedicated a new men's building.

Items of Interest Taken From Here and There Over the State.

March 11 Fairmont will dedicate the new high school building.

Wm. Hilbert, Garfield county, died from fractured skull which he secured in a fall.

The Nebraska Suspender factory has been incorporated at Kearney with \$15,000 capital.

The farm house of John Jenks, Saunders county, burned. Some of the furniture was saved.

At Union a thief was found trying to unload a car of merchandise. When officers arrived he had flown.

Rushville was temporarily without any city water owing to the bursting of the city main, due to the frost.

An appropriation has been made by the Burlington officials for a new depot at Pera, and plans are already drawn for it.

The highest price ever paid for hogs at South Omaha, \$9.10, was received last week by a woman who had a shipment from Curtis.

Rev. Father Petrusch of Beatrice who is traveling through Europe for the benefit of his health, writes that he will return home in April.

The State Board of Public Lands and Buildings will buy a moving picture machine for the amusement of the insane patients at the Norfolk asylum.

George Harmony, one of the oldest mail clerks on the Northwestern railroad, was found dead in his mail car near Casper. His home was at Chadron.

The Buffalo County Declaratory association meets in Kearney on Friday night, March 25. Each high school in Buffalo county is entitled to two contestants.

The hotel situation at Albion is still up in the air. The Commercial club committee has succeeded in getting some promises of stock subscriptions, but not enough yet.

County Treasurer E. H. Hosman of Otoe county left for Rochester, Minn., to be operated upon for a cancer on the right side of his jaw. He has been suffering with it for several years.

The village of Elm Creek, Buffalo county, is advertising broadcast and offering a grand prize of \$5 for a new name for the town. The present name has been worn for twenty years.

Fire destroyed the roundhouse of the Burlington at Table Rock. Everything of value was saved from the building. The origin of the fire is supposed to be from the explosion of a lamp.

A swindler got in his work in the neighborhood of Sterling one day recently. He sold a farmer the right to write insurance and make farm loans in the county, receiving a nice bonus for the privilege.

O. P. Sullenberger of Ponca went to milk his cow and feed the horse in the evening and when he returned to the house was badly cut about the head and was unable to give any account of what had happened.

Word has been received at Sutton of the death of Rev. T. S. Fowler, formerly pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, but later of Portland, Ore., where he had been making his home with a daughter.

Triplets were born to George Norton of Osceola. All are boys. The parents have a son, Carl, lacking a week of being a year old, making four boys less than a year old. All are healthy and strong.

Carl McDowell, who has resigned his position on the rural route at Lyons, has, during the four years and eight months of service driven a distance of 42,784 miles or very nearly twice around the world.

Arthur Anderson, colored slayer of Arthur Newell at Hastings, is lying close to death as a result of the amputation of his feet. The operation was made necessary by the freezing of both feet while he was hiding from his pursuers.

Many farmers of Nuckolls county are of the opinion that the fall wheat has been seriously injured, by the many sudden extreme changes in temperature and the unusually severe weather experienced during the winter.

Arthur Anderson, colored, murderer of Arthur Newell, white at Hastings, waived preliminary examination and was bound over without bail. His feet were frozen in his seventy hours' exposure and had to be amputated above the ankle.

The short course in agriculture and domestic science, conducted under the direction of the state university, closed at Franklin after a very successful week. Six instructors were constantly engaged and 300 students were enrolled. Franklin academy furnished fifty students.

Ed Watson, aged 52, living five miles northeast of Uteia, dropped dead at Vandell's sale. He was engaged in conversation with a number of men and grew very much excited about the subject under discussion and, as he was troubled with heart failure, it is supposed this caused his death.

Gus Olson, machinist at the Union Pacific round house in Columbus, had his leg broken as a result of the explosion of the air drum on a passenger engine.

W. H. Paddock of Holdrege is exhibiting an old and time-worn relic in the form of a metal tobacco box which came over in the Mayflower. It bears the date "1600" scratched on the inside of the cover, and on the outside the inscription "Mayflower, 1620." The box has been handed down from generation to generation in the Paddock lineage, always going to the oldest sons of each line.



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