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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. BELLERS, Acting Director of the Sunday School Course in the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

LESSON FOR JUNE 24

THE PURPOSE OF JOHN'S GOSPEL (REVIEW—READ JOHN 21:15-25.)

REVIEW—Read John 21:15-25. GOLDEN TEXT—These are written, that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.—John 20:31.

There are a variety of methods to be followed in reviewing the work of the past six months and to give variety. Teachers of classes, or superintendents of schools, may select one or combine several, as their judgment dictates. Of course, the easiest way is to procure a good speaker who is familiar with the Gospel of John and the lessons of the past quarter, and let him bring out in the review its most outstanding and salient features. One method would be to have one-minute talks either by members of the class or persons selected from the school. Each of twelve scholars could be assigned one minute, each to have one of the lessons of the past quarter.

Another good way would be to take the outstanding and significant verses from the lessons of the quarter, not the golden text, but verses which seem to emphasize the outstanding features of the six months' work. "Behold the Lamb of God," (Ch. 1:36); "Ye must be born again," (3:7); "Come see a man which told me all things that ever I did; is not this the Christ?" (4:29); "Verily, verily I say unto you, he that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death unto life," (5:24); "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work."

Another method of review would be, particularly in the adult classes, to have each lesson with its present-day emphasis. For instance, the past quarter: Lesson 1—The Christian in his dealing with blindness. Lesson 2—Modern wonders of healing and medical missions. Lesson 3—The shepherding of church members. Lesson 4—Do we know how to give? Lesson 5—Is Christ supreme in our national life? Lesson 6—Ambition and its cure. Lesson 7—The world's good springing from Christ. Lesson 8—Temperance reform. Lesson 9—The Holy Spirit in everyday life. Lesson 10—How Christ is betrayed and denied today. Lesson 11—The uplifting power of the cross. Lesson 12—Why men believe in immortality.

A good method of review would be to have someone take up each of the golden texts, announcing in advance that pupils may be prepared for this method. The teacher would write the texts of the quarter, each on a separate piece of cardboard, and lay them face down on a table; pupils would then draw the golden texts, one at a time, and tell what the lesson is to which this text belongs, giving as full an account of the lesson as possible, the teacher helping out with questions where necessary.

It will be of great value to the pupils if they can get in this review a clear outline of the main events of Christ's last weeks upon earth, covered particularly by the past quarter. There are forty standing events of the past quarters: (1) The healing of the man born blind; (2) Jesus the good Shepherd; (3) Jesus sending forth the seventy; (4) Jesus in Bera; (5) The raising of Lazarus; (6) The ten lepers healed; (7) Bartimaeus at Jericho; (8) Jesus visits Zaccheus; (9) Jesus anointed by Mary; (10) The fig tree; (11) Triumphant entry; (12) Cleaning the temple; (13) Weeping over Jerusalem; (14) The widow's mite; (15) The Greeks seek Jesus; (16) Preparation for the passover; (17) Washing the disciples' feet; (18) The Lord's supper; (19) The farewell discourse; (20) The farewell prayer; (21) The agony in Gethsemane; (22) Judas betrays Jesus; (23) The arrest of Jesus; (24) Peter denies Jesus; (25) Jesus before Ananias; (26) Jesus before Caiaphas; (27) Jesus before the Sanhedrin; (28) The mocking of Jesus; (29) Jesus before Pilate; (30) Jesus before Herod; (31) Pilate condemns Jesus; (32) The sorrowful wait; (33) The crucifixion; (34) The seven last words; (35) Jesus dies; (36) Burial; (37) Resurrection; (38) Appears to Mary; (39) Appearance during the forty days; (40) The ascension.

As brought out heretofore, John sets forth the purpose of this Gospel; namely, that "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing on him we might have everlasting life, eternal life in his name." (See golden text).

A Suggestion. In setting forth this review, let us not as teachers and officers, overlook the opportunity we have of calling from our scholars an expression of the faith that has been born within them. (See Rom. 10:3, 10). Jesus the light of the world has power to set men free from sin and "whom the son shall make free is free indeed." If we properly set him before our scholars, they will be made free from the slavery of sin and enter into the freedom of believers. True faith is built upon facts; those who accept and believe these facts will have everlasting life.

MORE HOMESTEADS FOR LANDLESS MEN

Lands in Colorado, Montana, New Mexico and Wyoming Designated for Larger Homesteads

Secretary of the Interior Lane announces that during May approximately 798,300 acres were designated under the enlarged homestead act through which the entryman may acquire a homestead of 320 acres. If the settler has already filed on 160 acres under the original homestead law, he may, under this act, acquire an additional 160 acres. The lands made available during the month for these larger homesteads have all been classified by the Geological Survey as nonirrigable, but large areas of them have already been patented or entered or at least applied for. The Interior Department, in handling applications or petitions for the opening of specific tracts of land to enter under the enlarged homestead act, is required by law to give the applicant the first right to file on the land for which he has applied if it is found on examination to be of the proper character. To determine what particular section, township or range in any land district is open to entry by citizens who have not already applied, necessitates an examination of the records at the local land office.

In Colorado, 17,500 acres were designated in 14 counties throughout the state. Practically all of this land, however, has already been filed upon.

In Montana, 258,700 acres were designated in 17 counties of the state. Approximately 220,000 acres of the area classified are located in Shouveau county and are included in the former Marias River project of the reclamation service. The greater portion of the remaining area was designated in response to specific requests, and practically none of this land is open to entry for new settlers.

In New Mexico, 314,500 acres were designated in 16 counties throughout the state. It is believed that the greater portion of the lands designated in the following counties is available for entry by new settlers: Socorro county, 75,000 acres; Valencia county, 41,000 acres; Sierra county, 37,700 acres; Colfax county, 25,000 acres; Rio Arriba county, 23,000 acres; McKinley county, 16,000 acres; Taos county, 14,700 acres.

In Wyoming, 207,000 acres were designated in 12 counties. A fair percentage of the acreage listed below is believed to be available for new homesteaders: Johnson county, 50,500 acres; Niobrara county, 63,000 acres; Natrona county, 27,500 acres; Crook county, 12,000 acres.

In addition to the classifications under the enlarged homestead act, the secretary states that nearly 192,000 acres were released during the month from mineral-land withdrawals of various types. Of the restorations, 137,000 acres were lands in Montana heretofore included in coal reserves, and about 30,000 acres in the same state which had been reserved as prospectively valuable for oil. These two restorations released 167,000 acres of land in the state of Montana for entry with unrestricted patents. In addition to these areas, somewhat more than 16,000 acres in the state of Washington were released from coal withdrawals, and about 6,760 acres in Wyoming were eliminated from oil withdrawals.

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