

Sunday School Lesson!

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LESSON FOR APRIL 1

THE WALK TO EMMAUS

LESSON TEXT—Luke 24:12-31. GOLDEN TEXT—Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen.—Luke 24:5-6. REFERENCE MATERIAL—Matthew 28:1-10; Acts 2:22-28; 1 Corinthians 15:3-29; Colossians 3:1-4. PRIMARY TOPIC—A Walk with Jesus. JUNIOR TOPIC—Jesus as a Companion. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Life with the risen Lord. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—What Christ's Resurrection means.

I. The Walk of Two Discouraged Disciples (v. 13-15).

Emmaus was seven and one-half miles northwest of Jerusalem. Just why they were walking this way we do not surely know. Perhaps their home was there, or they were merely walking to seek relief from their stunning sorrow. If they had believed what Jesus told them about His death and resurrection they would have escaped this great disappointment. Unbelief causes many heartaches and disappointments. One of these disciples was Cleopas, but the other is unknown. The topic of conversation was the tragedy of the cross and the resurrection rumors. So little had His teaching about His resurrection impressed them that the reports which the women brought were as idle tales to them. If they had believed what He said about coming forth from the grave they would have been expecting to hear just such reports as were being circulated.

II. The Unrecognized Companion (v. 18-24).

1. Who He Was. Jesus. While they reasoned together on the wonderful events of the last few days on this journey, Jesus joined them. Even when He questioned them concerning their sadness they did not recognize Him. Many times we are so taken up with our sorrows and disappointments that we do not recognize Jesus though walking by our side. How grieved He must be to be unrecognized as He walks by us in our sorrows and trials.

2. His Question (v. 17). Perceiving their sadness and perplexity He sought to help them by calling forth a statement of their grief. This question surprised them and caused them to infer that He was a stranger in Jerusalem. The condemnation and crucifixion of the great prophet of Nazareth were so recent and notorious that no one they thought, who had lived in Jerusalem, could be ignorant of them. One valuable aspect of the unbelief of the disciples was that it revealed the fact that they were not credulous enthusiasts but hard to convince. Out of this incredulity developed the unshaken faith in the word of the resurrection.

III. The Scriptures Opened (v. 25-33).

1. His Rebuke (v. 25). He did not rebuke them for not believing the strange stories they had heard, but for ignorance and lack of confidence in the Old Testament Scriptures. They had accepted only such parts of the Old Testament as suited their notions. Men and women who do not believe all that the Scriptures say, especially about the work of the blessed Savior, are entirely blameworthy. The very center and heart of the Old Testament Scriptures is the death and resurrection of Christ. It is ignorance of the Scriptures and unbelief of the wonderful and complete redemption wrought by Christ that robs us of many joys, and power and efficiency as workers for Christ. Christ will be the teacher of all who will open their hearts unto Him.

2. Jesus Recognized (v. 31). While sitting at meat with the disciples their eyes were opened as they saw Him bless the bread and distribute it to them. We, too, can see the Lord on such common occasions as eating a meal if we have open eyes. Indeed we ought to see Him when eating, selling, buying and in our recreations for He has promised us His presence.

IV. The Effect Upon the Disciples (v. 32-35). They were so filled with joy over this revelation of the Savior that they hastened back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples of the word of His resurrection. Those who have had the Scriptures opened to them touching the death and resurrection of Christ cannot help but hasten to make it known to others.

Conciseness in Speaking.

Every man should study conciseness in speaking; it is a sign of ignorance not to know that long speeches, though they may please the speaker, are the torture of the hearer.—Feltman.

Like Old Watchers.

Persons extremely reserved are like old enameled watches, which had painted covers that hindered your seeing what o'clock it was.—Walpole.

The Secret.

What is mine, even to my life, is hers I love; but the secret of my friend is not mine.—Sir P. Sidney.

The Quarrel.

Beware of entrance to a quarrel but, being in, bear it that the opposer may beware of thee.—Shakespeare.

Easter Services at the Churches

Master"—Lester Strickler Recitation, "Easter"—Glee Krugh Quartet—Mixed Voices Recitation, "Easteride"—Lawrence McDonald Recitation, "A good proof"—Ogle Cook Recitation "Easter Chimes"—Hilda Miller Recitation, "A Lilly of the Spring" —Crystal Roop Recitation "Easter Dawn" —Floyd Chilcote Dialogue "Christ's Dominion" —Four Boys Recitation, "Easter Morning" —Thelma Smiley Recitation, "A Little Lilly"—Florence Lyons

Song, duet—Veda Hawkins and Hilda Miller Recitation, "He Arose" —Pearl Smiley A Reading "Easter's Marching On" —Mabel Marchand Recitation, "Easter Morning" —Katherine Hebble Recitation, "Christ is Risen" —Doris Lyons Recitation, "Inside" —Martha Hollingsworth

Duet—Dessie and Ruth Walling of Willshire, Ohio. Recitation, "An Easter Lesson" —Crystal Roop Recitation, "Easter Bells" —Grace Chilcote Reading, "Easteride" —Robert Strickler Recitation—Wilbur Amspaugh Recitation, "Easter" —Veda Hawkins

Male Quartet, "This is Easter Morn" Congregational Hymn Everybody welcome. Be on time. D. M. LYONS, Pastor

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

9:15 a.m.—Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.—Devine worship. P. D. WHITESELL, Pastor.

ZION REFORMED CHURCH

6:00 a.m.—C. E. Sunrise service. Miss Agnes Sellemeyer, leader. Come out to this service and get into the spirit of the day. It will be well worth the effort.

9:15 a.m.—Sunday school. M. Kirsch, superintendent. Let every member of the Sunday school rally to the standard of the risen Lord.

10:30 a.m.—Morning worship. Sermon "An Easter Dawn" —Holy Communion. Reception of members. Baptism of infants.

There will be no evening services. You are cordially invited to attend any or all of these services. R. R. ELLAKER, Pastor.

First Presbyterian Church

Vesper Concert—4 O'clock Invocation—Rev. B. N. Covert. 1—Organ Prelude—Song of Sorrow—Gordon Balch Nevin.

2—Chorus—"There is a Green Hill Far Away"—Henry Wildermere. Mrs. Wm. Schrock.

4—Chorus—"On Wings of Morning Borne"—Miller.

5—Baritone Solo—"The Angels Message"—A. F. Loud.

Dr. Patterson

6—Duet—"Doubt No More"—J. Wesley Hughes.

Mrs. E. Engeler and Mr. Paul Sauer 7—Quartette—"Consider the Lilies" —E. O. Excell.

Mesdames Engeler and Schrock and Messers. Engeler and Sauer 8—Offertory—"Offertory"—Lefebvre Wely.

9—Chorus—"Welcome Happy Morning"—Miller.

10—Baritone Solo—Selected. Mr. Sauer

11—Chorus—"Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus"—Miller.

Benediction—Rev. Covert.

12—Postlude—"Hallelujah Chorus (Messiah)" —Handel.

Mrs. B. N. Covert—Organist.

Dr. Fred Petrasen—Pianist.

Dr. Fred Patterson—Director.

CHURCH OF GOD

Easter program, Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

Opening song, No. 284, by the congregation.

A Discourse, "What Easter is, and what it really means to us." —E. J. Cook.

Prayer—Rev. D. M. Lyons

Song No. 217—Congregation

Evening offering. Which will be given as a donation to the Anderson, Indiana, Bible Training School.

Recitation, "The Choldest Gift" —Mildred Strickler

Recitation, "The Work Complete" —Glen Roop

Recitation, "Risen" —Delva Chilcote

Recitation, "Children can serve the

Morning watch conducted by the Epworth League at 6 a.m. Service for everybody.

Sunday school at 9:30. All members of the school urgently requested to attend. A cordial invitation to all.

Morning worship at 10:45. An Easter service. Appropriate sermon.

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by the pastor, and music by the choir. Baptism of infants, also of adults and reception into membership in the church.

Junior League at 2:30 Epworth League at 6. Evening worship at 7.

This is the last Sunday before the conference which will convene in Kokomo Tuesday.

Regular meeting of the official board Monday evening at 7:30.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.

Sunday, April 8th being conference

Sunday, services for worship will not be held. All the other services will be held as usual.

Evangelical Church

(Winchester St.)

Remember Easter and its wonderful message—the message of Hope to the Christian.

The services shall in the great part be regular with an appropriate morning and evening message. The Sunday School hour and E. L. of C. E. hour will have the appropriate emphasis.

Bible School 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

E. L. of C. E., 6:15 p.m.

A good service planned.

Preaching, 7:00 p.m.

College prayer meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

"Let us worship the risen Saviour."

C. L. HANEY, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

B. N. Covert, Pastor

Services for Easter Sunday, 1923.

9:30—Sunday School. The Easter lesson will be studied. A good place to get the spirit of this great anniversary of the church.

10:30—Morning Worship. Sermon subject: "The Living Christ." Text, Revelation 1:18. Special music. Those having infants whom they desire baptised will present them at this service.

2:30—Junior Christian Endeavor. Miss Elizabeth Peterson, superintendent.

4:00—Vesper services. Please note the program of the Sacred concert given by the choir published in this issue of the Democrat. We invite everyone in Decatur to join with us in this service of song.

6:00—Senior C. E. society. Leader: Miss Lucille Engle.

Wednesday evening, 7:00 a.m. annual congregational meeting. Reports of all societies of the church will be called for. Every member of the church is expected to be present.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Three masses will be celebrated at the St. Mary's Catholic church on Easter Sunday. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place following the 9:45 high mass and impressive and solemn services will mark the observance of the joyful feast, the day on which the world proclaims the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Easter mass will be said at five o'clock, another mass at 7:30 and the high mass at 9:45. The church is beautifully decorated and at the side altar a statue of the risen Christ will stand. Special singing by the children's choir will also be held. Services will not be held in the afternoon.

REFORMED CHURCH

Program for Christian Endeavor services, 6 o'clock Sunday morning at Reformed church—Agnes Sellemeyer, leader.

Song—"In the Cross."

Song, "O Sacred Head Now Wounded."

Vocal Duet—Miss Ella Mutschler and Mr. Leo Kirsch

Piano Solo—Miss Helen Gerber

Vocal Solo—Miss Della Sellemeyer

Piano Solo—Miss Angie Firk

Vocal Duet—Mr. and Mrs. Elliker

Easter Story and Easter Psalm—Miss Agnes Sellemeyer

Paul's Argument for Resurrection—Miss Letta Wetter

Easter a time of joy—Miss Matilda Sellemeyer

Jesus risen from the dead—Miss Ella Mutschler

Why we believe in immortality—Mr. Fred Littler

What the Bible says about life after death—Rev. Elliker

Sentence prayers.

Song, "Crown Him King of Kings."

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