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Lesson for August 3

THE FIRST DISCIPLES OF JESUS

LESSON TEXT—John 1:35-51.
 GOLDEN TEXT—“Jesus saith unto him, Follow me.”—John 1:43.
 PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus Calls Four Helpers.
 JUNIOR TOPIC—Jesus’ First Followers.
 INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—What It Means to Follow Jesus.
 YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Winning Others to Christ.

Through the testimony of John the Baptist, his disciples were pointed to Jesus. This same testimony he gave the previous day, but he was not ashamed to repeat his sermon. His theme was the Lamb of God, the sin-bearer of the world.

I. Two of John’s Disciples Follow Jesus (vv. 35-37).

As a result of the Baptist’s testimony two of his disciples left him and followed Jesus. One of these disciples was Andrew (v. 40), and presumably the other was John. When the Baptist pointed out Jesus as the Lamb of God, the long-expected Messiah, these disciples sought further acquaintance with Jesus. In view of John’s request, they looked upon the Lord. This look was sufficient to induce them to follow Jesus. They believed.

II. The Two Disciples Abiding With Jesus (vv. 38, 39).

1. Jesus’ Question (v. 38). When Jesus saw the disciples following He most kindly inquired as to their object.

2. The Disciples’ Reply (v. 39). They answered his question by inquiring as to His dwelling place. Their reply showed their desire to go apart privately where they could disclose their hearts to Him. Knowing their hearts, He invited them to His place of abode.

III. The Disciples Bringing Others to Jesus (vv. 40).

The very genius of Christianity is self-propagation. The usual method is to begin with those nearest us—home folks and relatives—and pass out to ever-widening circles. The disciples who were with Jesus in blessed fellowship go at once to tell others of the priceless treasure they have found.

1. Andrew Brings Peter (vv. 40-42). This is a beautiful sight of brotherly affection expressing itself in bringing another to Christ. The best place to begin our testimony for Christ is among our kinsfolk (Luke 8:39). This was a great piece of work for Andrew, for Peter became one of the pillars of the church of God.

2. Philip Bringing Nathaniel (vv. 43-46). Christ found Philip the following day as he would go forth into Galilee. Philip followed Him in response to a personal invitation. As soon as Christ found Philip, Philip found Nathaniel and witnessed to him concerning the messiahship of Jesus. He said unto him, “We have found Him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth” (v. 45). Nathaniel was somewhat skeptical, but he was honest. Philip had the wisdom not to argue with him, but brought him to Jesus. The one who is honest when brought into the presence of Jesus will soon have all doubts removed (John 7:17).

IV. Nathaniel, Seeing and Hearing Jesus, Testifies to His Divinity (v. 47-51).

As soon as Nathaniel saw and heard Jesus all his doubts rolled away. He who acts upon the light given shall see greater things (vv. 50, 51). Angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man with the open heavens, shows that Jesus Christ is the means of communication between earth and heaven (Heb. 10:19, 20; Eph. 2:18; Gen. 28:12).

This narrative concerning the experiences of the first disciples exhibits the following stages of Christian experiences:

1. Hearing About Jesus (v. 30). How important it is that the minister and teacher have a proper conception of Jesus as the sacrificial Lamb, the sin-bearer of the world.

2. Looking Upon Jesus (v. 30). It is necessary that the sinner definitely fix his attention upon Jesus.

3. Following Jesus (v. 37). It is not enough to merely look upon Him. There must be definite efforts to follow after, to inquire of Him.

4. Abiding With Jesus (v. 30). Those who earnestly look upon Jesus and inquire after Him He welcomes into blessed fellowship.

5. Witnessing for Jesus (vv. 41, 45). The first thing the one does who has come to Jesus is to begin to witness for Him.

6. Bringing Others to Jesus. The chief delight of the one who has come to know Jesus by a personal experience is to bring others to Him.

Success

“First of all,” said President Garfield when a boy, “I must make myself a man; if I do not succeed in that I can succeed in nothing.”

Good Temper

The difficult part of good temper consists in accommodation to the ill humor of others.

Duty Omitted

Every duty omitted obscures some truth that we should know.—Ruskin.

Daddy’s Evening Fairy Tale
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MOSQUITO LESSONS



“We Are Never Welcomed.”

“While you are very young,” said Mrs. Mosquito, “you will breathe from the end of your bodies, that is, when you are nothing but larvae.”

Those who would become Mosquito children before long did not say anything.

They were busy becoming mosquitoes.

But Mrs. Mosquito went on talking.

“You will be able to do a great deal of harm. You will be able to carry sickness.”

“At least I think it is very clever.”

“The young gentlemen in the Mosquito family will not be able to bite.”

“But the ladies will make up for this shortcoming.”

“Others may not call us ladies. They may think our behavior is anything but ladylike. For we go where we are not invited and not wanted.”

“We certainly outstay our welcome, as we are never welcomed in the first place.”

“So we outstay our welcome from the very moment we arrive. But do not let that bother you!”

“Stay just the same!”

“Be careful not to be caught. Be quick to dodge people’s hands. Be quick, but enjoy yourselves.”

“You are now living in the marsh which is your childhood home. It is a nice, comfortable home.”

“But later you will be grown up and will go forth to enjoy the world.”

“You will enjoy the people of the world. It is not their society which will interest you.”

“You will not care about their conversation. You will not mind whether they are bright or dull. You will not care whether they do well in their lessons or not.”

“You will not be fussy as to their own table manners or their party manners or their every day manners—if they have different sets of manners.”

“You will not care whether they can swim or play games well or whether they are popular with their friends.”

“You will not care whether they talk about each other or whether they are loyal.”

“You will not care whether they tattle-tale or whether they don’t.”

“You will not care if they’re grown-ups who are mean to children and who make unkind speeches or who act in a patronizing and condescending fashion toward them. Those are big words, but I fancy you will understand them—if not now, later on.”

“You will live in the hollow parts of trees and in cellars when the winter comes, so you will be able to do some damage in the late spring.”

“You will be able to suck delicious meals from people, asked again, for you will never be asked in the first place.”

“But that need not bother you.”

“No mosquito will ever receive an invitation to come to supper from a human and no mosquito has had such an invitation.”

“Be as mean as you like. Mosquitoes have always been mean, and they always will be mean.”

“Annoy people. Make them mad. Make them mad! Make them furiously angry!”

“But don’t let them keep you from coming again because they are angry.”

These were the lessons Mrs. Mosquito taught, and even if the children weren’t listening to her now she knew that they would follow the mean mosquito ways just as all mosquitoes always did.

Riddles

What made the cake walk? Because it saw the biscuit box.

When is an egg like a naughty boy?

When it is being beaten.

What weapon does the earth most closely resemble? A revolver.

Which word in the English language contains all the vowels? Unquestionably.

Why does mother never make a square pudding? Because she wants it to go round.

What is the best way of making a custard? Make the trousers and waistcoat first.

Reduction in the cost of crude oil was given by officials of the company as the reason for the gasoline cut. It was the second reduction made by the Indiana Company within a month.

Why is the sun like a well-made cake? Because it is light when it rises.

EPWORTH LEAGUE TO HOLD BANQUET

Decatur Sub-District To Hold Meeting At Pleasant Mills Friday

DEFENSE WINS A POINT TODAY IN FRANKS CASE

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another surprise for the state. Reports are that he expects the case of the boys’ sanity to go before a jury after all. Crowe announced that if the defense alienists testified the boys are insane or even partially so, he will demand a jury hearing on their sanity. Darrow is said to have taken that into consideration, in fact to have planned that very thing. Should Chief Justice John R. Caverly decide to place the matter of sanity before jury, a change of venue will be demanded and with it a long continuance.

The defense is credited with planning to keep the possible sanity hearing from being held for several months, in order to give time for public opinion to quiet down. Darrow is understood to feel that public opinion is hostile at this time.

Crowe in the meantime has had his alienists prepare a report showing the boys are sane. Crowe said that if the defense shows insanity, the plea of guilty would be thrown out because an insane person plead guilty to a crime.

Witness Is Contested

The defense put Dr. William A. White, Washington, on the stand, but Crowe objected to White’s testimony, saying it was incompetent.

Crowe objected on the grounds that the court had no right to consider the sanity of the defendants, after they had pleaded guilty.

Judge Caverly overruled Crowe, but the fiery state’s attorney continued a vigorous argument against the admissibility of alienists’ testimony.

Crowe said that the defense could not offer testimony showing insanity after having pleaded guilty. If the boys are insane, Crowe said, he would demand that the question of sanity be brought before a jury.

If your honor at the conclusion of testimony, should sentence these boys to hang, in our judgment, the sentence would not be worth the paper it is written on,” Crowe stated. “If the defense appealed to the supreme court the supreme court would set your sentence aside. The state would have no power of appeal while the defense would have every chance to appeal the sentence.

“What is the defense in this case trying to do?” Crowe shouted. “Are they trying to enter pleas of guilty, admitting that they murdered a child, and then attempting to enter a defense?”

“Would your honor allow these boys to plead guilty and then allow their attorneys to try to prove that they were in California when the murder was committed?”

“Your honor, what is this coming to? Shall these boys be allowed to plead guilty just to allow them to get out of the jury trial? Shall they be allowed to have their case tried by one man whom they believe favorable?”

“Nothing could be more direct nor mandatory than the language of the law which I have read. The court must impanel a jury if the question of sanity is brought up.”

“Insanity is a defense, just as an alibi is a defense, and we contend that since these boys pleaded guilty their attorneys cannot introduce evidence intended to prove them insane.”

“If the court permits the trial to go on and permits the defense to show insanity, then this becomes a mock trial and the state would have to confess error in the supreme court.”

Judge Caverly replied:

“Suppose the two boys were brought in here charged with murder, without counsel, and the court appoints counsel and pleaded guilty to murder. If the court felt that the boys were not competent to enter a plea of guilty, he would appoint alienists to determine their condition. How do I know that these boys are competent to plead guilty?”

When the defense in this case arrived at a point where insanity is shown, the court could and likely would direct withdrawal of the plea of guilty and order a jury trial.”

Crowe shot back that there is no degree of insanity, either a man is wholly insane and therefore irresponsible or sane and wholly responsible.

“I agree with you,” the court said, “that this court has no right to pass on the sanity or insanity of these defendants, but let me explain myself.”

“Under the laws of our state there are degrees of sentence on a murder charge. The court can sentence them to death, it can sentence them to life imprisonment, or it can sentence them to a penitentiary for any number of years, not less than 14.”

“To decide upon what sentence to give these defendants, I contend that I have the right to know their state of mind when the murder was committed. I have a right to know all of the mitigating circumstances.”

Crowe broke into the Judge’s statement:

“This is not a matter of mitigating circumstances, your honor. These boys committed murder in cold blood and there are not mitigating circumstances.

stances.”

Judge Caverly, however, still insisted that the defense had a perfect right to question the doctor.

“I have a right to hear the testimony the defense has to offer,” Caverly said.

“If they raise the question of insanity, I have the right to make the defense withdraw their plea of guilty, make them plead not guilty and try the case in the question of insanity.”

“The defense is not going to be permitted to introduce testimony of insanity,” Caverly said. “You appear to have gone off on a wrong promise.”

Crowe demanded of the defense attorneys whether they were going to introduce testimony dealing with the mental condition of the boys. The three defense attorneys answered in one voice, “certainly we are.”

“Isn’t that then an attempt to show insanity,” Crowe cried out.

“No,” the defense attorneys roared.

“It is simply insanity in another name,” Crowe shouted.

“You can call it green cheese if you like,” shouted Benjamin Bachrach, one of the defense attorneys.

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