

Come To Church Sunday

Improved Uniform International LESSON

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Lesson for January 17

JESUS THE WATER OF LIFE

LESSON TEXT—John 4:7-26.
GOLDEN TEXT—Whoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst. John 4:14.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus Answering a Woman's Question.
JUNIOR TOPIC—How a Stranger Became a Friend.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Jesus Meets His Greatest Needs.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Jesus Meets Our Deepest Need.

Life, light, water, bread are elemental, fundamental things. Life must come from God. But it can exist only where there is light, and only God gives light. Nor can life continue where there is no water and no bread.

It is therefore a blessed and significant fact that Jesus was declared to be the life of men. He also says of himself that he is the "light of the world" (John 9:5); "the bread of life" (John 6:35). In our lesson today we see Him as the one who gives "living water" (v. 10).

The incident at Jacob's well in Sychar took place when Jesus, leaving Jerusalem because of increasing hindrance to his work, goes up to Galilee. Unlike his Jewish brethren, who detoured around the land of the hated "half-breed" Samaritans, he "must needs go through Samaria," for there was a sin-sick soul that needed him.

Space will not permit a full consideration of all the beauty and the depth of spiritual truth found in this story, but let us note that we have here

I. A Sinner Tactfully Approached (vv. 7-13).

Every Christian is by his very calling a soul-winner. We dare not delegate this responsibility to the pastor or missionary. As soul-winners we are vitally interested in our Lord's approach to this woman who was far from God, apparently hopelessly involved in sinful associations, a citizen of a hostile nation and an adherent of another religious faith.

By asking a favor of her he tactfully placed himself (as does any petitioner) for the moment, on her own plane. He was not a distant, learned religious leader deigning to cast a bit of religious philosophy to her. He was a tired, thirsty man asking for a drink of water.

But he was more! He was the gracious Son of God, declaring to her that he was ready to give to her the water of life.

II. A Moral Problem Faced (vv. 14-18).

One may speak knowingly of the promises of God's Word, and may understand the "way of salvation," but one will never find peace and joy until there is a frank and open facing of sin in the life. Let us make no mistake at this point, for the moral law of God is the same now as it was on that far-off day when Jesus brought the woman of Samaria face to face with her own sin.

III. A Theological Problem Solved (vv. 19-24).

Possibly in an effort to evade her moral problem by theological discussion (a common practice in our day, too), and partly because of her ignorance of true worship, she asks a question about a controversial matter relating to outward ceremony. Is it not a singular thing how men who know nothing of spiritual life delight in the propagation and defense of organizations, and in the conduct of outward religious exercises?

True worship is revealed (v. 23) as being "in spirit." We do not cast aside all external helps to worship, but real worship goes through and beyond both place and symbol to real soul-communication with God (2). "In truth," Sham, superstition, hypocrisy, have no place in true worship. We can worship in truth only when we really know the truth. MacLaren rightly said, "The God to whom men attain by any other path than his historical revelation of himself is a dim, colorless abstraction, a peradventure, an object of fear or hope, as may be, but not of knowledge." Truly spoke Jesus— "We know what we worship" (v. 22).

IV. The Messiah Declared (vv. 25, 26).

Jesus honors this poor fallen woman by making to her his first declaration of himself as the Messiah. He is the high and exalted one, but he is at the same time the friend of sinners. To the learned ruler of the Jews, Nicodemus, he spoke of the new birth. To the poor woman of Samaria he declares his Messiahship. He is no respecter of persons. Neither are those who truly follow him.

And the forthright left her water pot and went to bring others to him. Let every "sinner saved by grace" go and do likewise.

Window of Hope

Eternity is the divine treasure house, and hope is the window, by means of which mortals are permitted to see as through a glass darkly, the things which God is preparing.—Mountford.

Off - Married Woman Meets Up With Reality Of Religion

An Old Story With Modern Meanings --- A Traveller's Memories Of A Historic Spot --- Clear Words Of Authority Upon The True Nature Of Religion.

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS

Hot and thirsty, in a dry land, I too, have sought refreshment at the old, old well dug by Jacob nearly four thousand years ago. Strangely, the first and abiding impression of this historic hole in the ground was of the rutted and grooved and worn limestone curb of this ancient source of water. My thoughts of the woman of Sychar, and of the thirsty One whom she found at the well-side, are mingled with thoughts of the thousands of other women, weary from labor, who had pulled ropes and things over that well-curb so that the deep marks remain until this day. One of civilization's real emancipations for western women is that most of them have been delivered from the burden of water-carrying. A big jar of water on an oriental woman's head looks attractive in pictures; but heft that jar, as I have done, and the romance disappears.

We can understand the zeal with which the Samaritan woman seized upon the possibility of not having to come to the well to draw.

Visiting The Old Well

This old well is alongside of the Big Road that runs north and south through Palestine. Upon the ruins of a crusader church which once covered it, the Greek Church started to build a modern structure, but they have erected nothing but an enclosure, and a small chapel over the well itself.

"The well is deep," said the Samaritan woman. She spoke truly, for on one of my visits to Jacob's Well I found that it was a hundred feet down to the water; and the water itself is thirty-five feet deep. The Greek priests have rigged a portable windlass over the well, with a small wire cable and a copper pail, so that drawing water is now easy. The water itself is crystal clear, cold and refreshing, an unforgettable draught.

A Filippant Woman

Wearily, on the dusty journey a foot northward from Jerusalem, Jesus and His company had reached Jacob's companions went on to the village to buy food. A village woman came to draw water, and he asked of her the common courtesy of a drink. She, frivolous and flirtatious, the sort who seeks to dally with every man she meets, delayed the drink while she tried to draw the Stranger into a conversation.

At once the Master put the talk upon a high plane. (How prodigal He always was of most profound truth to even the unworthiest individuals!) He spoke of "living water"; she retorted with a jibe about His helplessness and the depth of the well. Throughout, Jesus spoke upon a lofty level; the woman sought a lower.

Light On Recent News

Our world's recent absorption in the greatest news story since the War comes inevitably to mind as we read this interview by Jacob's Well. For Jesus was dealing with an off-divorced woman, one who had passed beyond the pale of life's conventional sanctities. He, knowing all about her, had hidden her bring her husband, whereat she stoutly denied that she had any husband.

Followed words that strike to the heart of our modern divorce problem: "Thou hast well said, 'I have no husband'; for thou hast had five husbands, and he whom

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THIMBLE THEATER

LISTEN TOAR, I SAW THAT WITCH AN' I'AM GOIN' AFTER HER. WATCH ME POPPA. DON'T LET HIM GET OUT OF THIS HOUSE.

HO-KAY. I'OLD HIM GOOD.

I'LL SLIP AROUND BEHIND HER.

Now Showing—"SWING IT, SISTER!"

By SEGAR

DON'T MISS THE NEXT!! POPPEY'S GOING TO TAKE A SOAK AT THIS TERRIBLE OLD WITCH!! WHAT WILL HAPPEN? YOU'LL BE SURPRISED.

Test Your Knowledge

Can you answer seven of the ten questions? Turn to page Four for the answers.

1. What is ethnology?

2. What office in the federal government is occupied by Charles Evans Hughes?

3. Where is the longest railroad tunnel in the U. S. located?

4. When was the guillotine first introduced into France?

5. What is the plural of "phenomenon"?

6. Who was Alfred Phillips Roll?

7. Where are the Juan Fernandez Islands?

8. What are deciduous plants?

9. Name the capital of Puerto Rico.

10. Name the estate in England that belonged to the ancestors of George Washington.

ous whole, Whose body Nature is, and God the soul.—Pope.

It is sweet to walk with God: we walk in the wilderness today, and the promised land tomorrow.—D. L. Moody.

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.—Rom. 12: 21.

O fear not in a world like this, And thou shalt know ere long— Know how sublime a thing it is To suffer and be strong.—Longfellow.

Study rather to fill your mind than your coffers; knowing that gold and silver were originally mingled with dirt until avarice or ambition parted them.—Seneca.

CHURCHES

Methodist Episcopal Church

H. R. Carson, minister

9:20 a. m.—Opening of period of preparation for worship, in the Senior church, Children's church and the Nursery.

9:30 a. m.—Services of Divine worship. A guest preacher, assigned by the Decatur Ministerial Association, will be the speaker while the pastor is speaking in another local pulpit.

Special music will be furnished by the girls chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Dan H. Tyndall.

10:35 a. m.—Assembly for lesson study under the direction of Superintendent Walter J. Krick. Several important announcements are to be made in launching our "Attendance and Evangelism Campaign." Be sure to be present and get your pin!

6:00 p. m.—Senior Epworth League devotional meeting.

7:00 p. m.—Evening service of prayer and praise. The pastor's theme will be, "Emmanuel's Men." Who are they? How much depends upon them?

St Marys Church

First Mass 7:00

Children's Mass 8:30

High Mass 9:45

Prayer Hour 2:00

First Evangelical Church

George S. Lozier, Minister

9:15 a. m.—Sunday School. Mr. Edw. Martz, superintendent.

10:10 a. m.—Worship Service. Exchange of pulpits. A guest preacher will bring the message.

6:15 p. m.—Intermediate and Senior Christian Endeavor.

7:00 p. m.—Evening Service. Sermon theme: "Leaves Only"

7:30 p. m.—Monday—Albright Brotherhood Meeting.

7:00 p. m.—Wednesday—Prayer Meeting.

8:00 p. m.—Wednesday—Choir Rehearsal.

9:00 p. m.—Saturday—Mission Band Meeting.

First U. B. Church

H. W. Franklin, pastor

Brotherhood meeting was a decided success, over 125 men and boys partook of the banquet in the social rooms of the church. Howard Wisniewski delivered one of his great lectures on "Fit and Misses," and demonstrated to a large audience by having three men of different types to stand with him as he proceeded to tell how to place in positions of life the different types of men.

W. M. A. will meet with Mrs. Charles Robinson Wednesday afternoon at 2 p. m.

Otterbein Guild girls postponed their regular meeting until next week.

A hard time social at the church next Friday night. Mrs. Ralph Roop and Mrs. Earl Crider are on the committee.

Change of pulpits Sunday morning. We hope for a large audience to hear our guest preacher. Nine ministers will be in different pulpits Sunday morning.

Sunday School, 9:15 a. m. with

Glen Hill as superintendent.

Morning worship, 10:30 a. m.

Sermon, guest speaker.

Christian Endeavor, 6 p. m.

Evening worship, 7 p. m. Sermon by the pastor.

Bible study Monday evening, 7 o'clock.

Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7 p. m.

Orchestra practice Wednesday, 6 p. m.

Choir practice Friday evening, 6:30 o'clock.

Christian Church

Rev. Kenneth Timmons.

Bible School, 9:15 a. m.

Communion, 10:30 a. m.

Sermon, 10:45 a. m.

Christian Endeavor, 6:00 p. m.

Evening sermon, 7:00 p. m. Subject, "Preaching and the Kingdom."

Church meeting and dinner in basement at 12:30. Everyone invited.

Ladies Aid Society will meet at the home of George T. Burk Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Sisters of Ruth class will meet at the home of Mrs. Elmer Harlackner, Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Zion Reformed Church

Charles M. Prugh, minister

Church School, 9:15 a. m. J. Fred Fruchte, superintendent.

Morning worship, 10:30 a. m. Annual pulpit exchange in charge of the Ministerial Association. Sermon, "The Peril of a Christless Life."—St. John 6:68.

Young People's Society, 6 p. m. Wednesday, 2:30 p. m.—Ladies' Aid Society.

Wednesday, 7 p. m.—Mid-week study and prayer hour.

Eighth St. U. B. Church

Luke Martin, pastor

Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Gerald Brodbeck, superintendent.

Sermon, 10:30 a. m. by pastor.

Bible study, 6:30 p. m. Rev. Martin.

Junior C. E., 6:30 p. m. Miss Bell.

Mid week prayer service Wednesday night at 7:30 p. m. R. W. Wynn leader.

You are cordially invited to attend all of our services. Come and worship with us.

Presbyterian Church

George O. Walton, minister

9:30 a. m.—Sunday School. W. R. McCoy, superintendent.

10:30 a. m.—Morning worship. At this morning service we will have for our guest speaker one of the ministers of the city. The ministers of our various churches are exchanging pulpits, this an annual event established for the purpose of creating better fellowship and good will among the churches of the city.

The Young Peoples Society will meet at 6 p. m. Rev. Walton will conduct the class in the study of Paul.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday.

Zion Lutheran Church

Paul W. Schultz, pastor

Divine services in English, 10:30 a. m.

Divine services in German, 8:30 a. m.

Sunday school and Bible class, 9:30 a. m.

Vestry meeting Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

Yearly voters' assembly Jan. 17.

First Baptist Church

Homer J. Aspy, minister

9:30 a. m.—Bible School. C. E. Bell, superintendent.

10:30 a. m.—Junior Church. Mrs. Frank Young, superintendent.

At the morning service one of the pastors of one of the other churches of the city will occupy our pulpit. This is a part of the program of the Decatur Ministerial Association to promote a closer fellowship among the churches of the city.

7:00 p. m.—Evening worship service.

vice. The pastor will bring an evangelistic message.

The mid-week service will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Nazarene Tabernacle

Paul Brandyberry Pastor

9:30 a. m. Sunday School.

10:30 a. m. Morning worship.

6:45 p. m. Young Peoples society.

Theme—"Going Forward in 1937"

7:30 p. m. Evening worship.

7:30 p. m. Weds., Prayer meeting.

The Ministers annual exchange of pulpits sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance of this city is, very unique in its character and purpose. To my thinking it gives variety in the regular routine of church worship, it too brings a closer relationship between the churches. A united church world, means a better world.

In the words of the Apostle Paul: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for ye are one in Christ Jesus." Gal 3:28.

We invite you one and all to hear our guest speaker at the morning worship period.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANTS

In the Adams Circuit Court

November Term, 1936 No. 15587

STATE OF INDIANA,

COUNTY OF ADAMS SS:

Lee Custer et al. vs. Burton Fuller et al.

The plaintiffs, Lee Custer and Mary Custer by their attorney, D. Burdette Custer, now file their complaint herein, together with the affidavit of a competent person that the defendants in this action are believed to be non-residents of the State of Indiana, and that their legal addresses are unknown.

The defendants are sued in this action by the following names and designations, to-wit: "Burton Fuller and his wife Helen Fuller; Melville Fuller and his wife Leona Fuller; all of whom are believed to be residents of the State of California, USA. Also either of the above-named women defendants once known by any of the names and designations above stated, and who are now known by other names, the names of whom are unknown to plaintiffs. That all persons and corporations who assert or might assert any title claim to or interest in or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint in this action by under or through any of the defendants to this action named or described in said complaint, the names of all of whom are unknown to plaintiffs, are herein named defendants."

This said action is for the purpose of quieting the title to real estate in Adams County, Indiana; that a cause of action exists against all of the said defendants; that said defendants are necessary parties to said action and that the following real estate is described in said complaint as follows, to-wit: "In lot No. twenty three (23) in the Original plat of the town of Pleasant Mills, Adams County, Indiana."

This action is instituted for the purpose of quieting the title to the real estate above described by correcting an error in the Executor's Deed to the above plaintiffs made in the course of settlement of the estate of the late Sarah E. Fuller.

Notice is therefore given said defendants and each and all of them that unless they be and appear before the Adams Circuit Court at the Court House in the City of Decatur, Indiana, on the 26th day of February, 1937, and answer or demur to said complaint, the same will be heard and determined in their absence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at the office of the Clerk thereof, in the City of Decatur, Indiana, this 21st day of December, 1936.

G. Remy Bierly, Clerk of Adams Circuit Court.

By Bern E. Bierly, Deputy.

D. Burdette Custer, Attorney for Plaintiffs.

Jan 2-9-37

NOTICE OF INSOLVENCY

In the Adams Circuit Court No. 2010

In the matter of the estate of Benjamin M. Smith, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that upon petition filed in said court by First Bank of Berne, as administrator de bonis non of the estate of Benjamin M. Smith, deceased, setting up the insufficiency of said estate to pay the debts and liabilities thereof, the Judge of said Court did on the 31st day of December, 1936, find said estate to be probably insolvent, and ordered the same to be settled accordingly. The creditors of said estate are therefore hereby notified of such insolvency, and required to file their claims against said estate for allowance.

Witness, the Clerk of said court, at Decatur, Indiana, this 31 day of December, 1936.

G. Remy Bierly, Clerk.

Adams Circuit Court Adams County, State of Indiana.

Lenhart Heller and Schuriger, attys.

Jan. 2-9-37

N. A. BIXLER

OPTOMETRIST

Eyes Examined - Glasses Fitted

HOURS

8:30 to 11:30 12:30 to 5:00

Saturdays, 8:00 p. m.

Telephone 135.

KNIGHTS PLAN FOR CRUSADE

K. of C. Organizes Against Communism, Similar Foes

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 9 — Aroused by inroads into North American life made by atheistic iconoclasm and subversive forces, the Knights of Columbus have inaugurated a counter-campaign of education and action to be known as the Knights' Crusade.