

Improved SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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HOW JESUS' FRIENDS RESPONDED

LESSON TEXT—Mark 1:16-20; 9:10-20; 10:46-52; Luke 9:27, 28.
MEMORY SELECTION—He left all, rose up, and followed him.—Luke 9:28.

Friendship calls for an exchange—not of gifts or possessions necessarily, but of service, love and fellowship.

The friends of Jesus responded to the warmth of His affection and the appeal of His call, and they gave themselves in life and service to Him.

Many in the church have forgotten that part of the friendship of Jesus Christ. They want to count Him as their friend, they expect much of Him; but they give little or nothing in return. Their love is cold, their service indifferent, their witness powerless.

Not every one of Jesus' friends is called to be a preacher or a teacher. He needs those who will be His faithful followers, just a living testimony without special office or message.

To effectively present the contrasts of our lesson, we have arranged the verses in slightly different sequence. Among the friends of Jesus

I. Some Became Preachers (Mark 1:16-20).

These men had met Jesus before (John 1:35-51), but now He was ready to call them away from their daily occupation as fishermen and make them "fishers of men."

Such a change was not an easy one to make. It meant the giving up of an established earthly calling, a place in the community, home life and family, for the service of the Lord. That was to bring persecution, ridicule, poverty and loneliness. But "straightaway they forsook their nets."

Let the members of the church and pastors be on the alert to sense the call of God to young men and women to the ministry and to the mission field, and then let them do everything possible to encourage them on their way.

II. Others Became Followers (Mark 10:46, 52).

When Jesus came by, blind Bartimaeus began to cry, "Jesus, son of David have mercy on me" (v. 47). Many around him tried to hush his voice (v. 48), but he cried the more. Through that babel of voices Jesus heard him, stopped and sent for him, and healed him. The ear of our Lord is always attuned to hear the cry of the one in need, and His heart is quick to respond to his call. He can hear the cry of the repentant sinner through all the confusing sounds of our day.

Bartimaeus became a "follower" of Jesus. He probably had no position in the church, no call to preach, but what a testimony he had. (cf. John 9:25).

Jesus needs simple, steady followers. Men and women with a plain, effective testimony of salvation. The army of the Lord is not made up of generals and officers only. Perhaps we have more of them than we need.

III. Some Stayed at Home (Mark 5:18-20).

This striking story of the deliverance of the mad man shows the importance of testimony at home. The people had asked Jesus to leave (v. 17) because in delivering the maniac He had caused some swine to go mad and run into the sea.

These men needed a witness, and the most effective possible word to them would come from the delivered demoniac. He wanted to go with Jesus, but at the Master's word he stayed at home.

It is hard to leave home and loved ones to go far to witness for Jesus Christ, but sometimes it is easier to speak for Him in a strange land than at home. Even Jesus found no honor in His own city.

If you are called to witness for the Lord in the small circle of your own family or community, trust God to make that word for Jesus tremendously effective. He can do it!

IV. Others Left Home and Business (Luke 9:27, 28).

Levi—better known to us as Matthew—was "a member of that hated group of renegade Jews, who served the Roman invader and helped him in his cruel work of wringing extortionate taxes from the people" (Earl L. Douglass). As a result, he was rich and undoubtedly had a fine home and every desirable material possession.

He had come to know Jesus and when the call came suddenly to follow Jesus, he did not hesitate; he did not stop to gather up his money; he did not sell his house; but he stood up and left all, and followed Jesus.

If Jesus really means everything to a man or a woman there is nothing in this world that can hold him back when Jesus calls. He is ready to go to the ends of the earth, and he whosoever will care for the business, his possessions, everything (cf. Matt. 19:29).

RURAL CHURCHES

United Brethren in Christ
Rivarre Circuit
Rev. Paul A. Graham, pastor
Pleasant Grove:
Prayer meeting Wed. evening.
Sunday school 9:00.
Preaching service 10:00.
Mt. Victory:
Prayer meeting Wed. evening.
Sunday school 9:00.
Preaching service 7:00 p. m.
Mt. Zion:
Prayer meeting Wed. evening.
Sunday school 9:30.

Willshire Circuit
U. B. Church
L. A. Middaugh, Pastor

Willshire:
9:30 a. m. Sunday school, Fred Myers, Supt.
10:30 a. m. Class meeting, Charles Samples, leader.
7:30 p. m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.
St. Paul:
9:15 a. m. Preaching service.
10:15 a. m. Sunday school, Ed. McFarland, Supt.

7:30 p. m. Tuesday, prayer meeting, Dick Martin, leader.

Winchester:

9:30 a. m. Sunday school, Merl Essex, Supt.
10:30 a. m. Preaching service.
7:30 p. m. Revival service, Rev. Roy Johnson, Evangelist.

Services each evening at 7:30, come and enjoy these meetings.

Calvary Evangelical Church
Rev. F. H. Willard, Minister

Sunday school 9:30, Ernil Shiffler, Supt.
Prayer meeting, following Sunday school.

Preaching service, Wednesday 7:30.

Holy Week Communion service. Note the change in time from Thursday to Wednesday.

Monroe Friends Church
Robert P. Miller, Pastor

Announcements for Sunday, April 14, 1946.

9:30 Sunday school.

10:30 morning service.

7:30 evening service.

Pre-Easter messages at both services by the pastor.

7:30 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting.

7:30 p. m. Friday, Good Friday service at Pleasant Valley Methodist church.

St. Luke's Evangelical & Reformed Church
Honduras

H. M. Meckstroth, Pastor
9 a. m. worship service.

10 a. m. Sunday school.

Thursday, an all-day meeting of the women's guild in the church basement. Mrs. Earl Harmin and Mrs. Moeschberger will be the hostesses, and Miss Hulda Klink leader for the afternoon meeting.

Monroe Methodist Church
E. O. Kegerreis, Pastor

9:30 morning worship. Baptismal service for infants and children. Special music by the choir. Sermon: "The Commission of Jesus."

10:35 church school.

6:45 Youth Fellowship.

7:30 Evening services. Sermon, "Misunderstood."

8:00 Tuesday Board of Education in the annex.

7:30 Wednesday, the closing events of Jesus' ministry: the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem.

His teachings, His death, His resurrection, and His ascension, will be illustrated with Kodachrome slides. The pastor will bring an interpretation of the events as illustrated.

7:30 Thursday, An interpretation of the meaning of the last supper followed by Holy Communion.

7:30 Friday, Union Good Friday service with the Friends and Wesleyan Methodists at Pleasant Valley church, two miles east and one mile south of Monroe.

Union Chapel Church
United Brethren in Christ

D. H. and Celia Pellette, Pastors

Sunday school 9:30, Thurman I. Drew, Superintendent.

Morning worship 10:15, subject "A Pascent of Triumph." Special music by the choir.

There will be no evening service because of the Monmouth high school Baccalaureate service.

Holy Week services will be held each evening during this week at 7:30.

Subjects: Monday, "The Master's Authority"; Tuesday, "What It Means to Believe"; Wednesday, "Life With a Margin"; Thursday, Holy Communion, Friday, "Christ on the Cross"; Easter, Sunrise service sponsored by the young people; Morning Worship, subject, "The Risen Christ."

Good music will be supplied during these meetings with John Walters as chorister and Earl W. Chase directing the choir.

The community is cordially invited to share in these services.

Portland, Ore., does not permit one person to shake a feather duster in another's face. In Nappanee, Ind., it's illegal to hang feminine underwear on a wash line.

Special Services And Meetings Of Churches In Area



First Baptist

Special pre-Easter services will open at the First Baptist church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock and continue for six evenings, closing with the Friday night service. The Rev. Lloyd C. Clark, superintendent of the missionary Bible training school of the Fort Wayne Gospel Temple, will speak at all services. A large baptismal service will precede the Sunday evening sermon. The public is invited to attend these services.

Pleasant Dale

An Easter program will be given at the Pleasant Dale church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Two short plays will be given, "The Children head about Jesus," by the junior department; and "The Light in the window," by the young people.

Rev. Lawrence Heiman To Visit Parents

The Rev. Lawrence Heiman, instructor in music and dramatics at St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, will arrive in Decatur Easter Sunday afternoon for a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Heiman, route 4.

On Easter morning the college choir under Father Heiman's baton will sing the high mass on the campus. His 80-voice glee club will appear May 1 in the college theater during a program for the Rev. Dr. A. B. Paluszak, formerly of Garrett, who will observe his 25th anniversary in the priesthood.

The college drama club is now producing "The Tavern," a George M. Cohan play also under Father Heiman's direction.

Man Sentenced To Life As Murderer

Indianapolis, April 12—(UP)—Eddie Stephenson, 27, today prepared to begin a life sentence imposed for the slaying of William Edward Raebler, local grocer, last Sept. 12.

UNITED STATES

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of wanting to have its cake and eat it too.

A "state department spokesman" in Washington insisted that secretary of state James F. Byrnes has not issued any instructions to Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., U. S. delegate to the security council, on the Polish charges before the council on Franco Spain.

But it was learned from an excellent authority close to Stettinius in New York that shortly after Poland filed its charges against Spain with the council on Wednesday, Byrnes informed Stettinius that he should:

1. Not oppose Poland's effort to place the Spanish issue on the council's agenda.

2. Not oppose full discussion of Poland's charges against Spain.

3. Keep an open mind on U. S. policy until Poland's evidence against Spain is presented.

The United States—and even more so Great Britain—will consider any collective action against Spain as interference in Spanish internal affairs. The only possibility of a change in their attitude depends upon the type of evidence that is presented to the council against the present Spanish regime.

Poland, which initiated the council charges against Spain, charges that Franco is encouraging German scientists in Spain in research work on new methods of warfare. The inference is that some of these scientists are working on atomic energy research.

Dr. Fernando De Los Rios, former Spanish ambassador to the U. S. for the Spanish republic who just arrived in New York to be an observer for the Spanish republican government in exile on security council activities, claims that the council will receive a "most important" document proving Spain's aggressive intentions toward France.

Rios did not reveal how his "most important" document would be presented to the council. But he did disclose at a press conference that it would prove that Spain is prepared to mass 450,000 troops in the Pyrenees area of the Franco-Spanish border. He arrived here this week from Paris, the headquarters of the republican regime in exile, to assume his post as observer at the UN security council.

Fear Crop Damage From Cold Weather

Snow And Sleet In Many Indiana Areas

By United Press

State fruit and vegetable growers today feared snow and sleet which accompanied sub-freezing temperatures in many Hoosier areas last night had damaged crops.

Purdue University agricultural extension officials said the extent of frost damage would not be known for a "day or two."

But they believed many fruit trees and garden variety vegetables might have suffered in scattered snow and sleet storms.

The Indianapolis weather bureau said the storm apparently extended from points north as far as Lafayette to southern Indiana, including most of the Hoosier fruit and vegetable growing areas.

Temperatures ranging from a low of 24 at South Bend to 34 at Evansville were recorded. Agricultural extension officials at Purdue said the combination of wet snow and sleet with the sub-freezing temperatures indicated that some vegetables, such as carrots, cabbage and radishes, were "frost bitten."

They said the damage probably would be scattered throughout the state and would not be evident until two or three days later.

Many Hoosier cities reported sub-freezing temperature readings. The minimum temperature at Indianapolis during the last 24 hours was 30, Angola 27, Fort Wayne 28, Marion 26, Terre Haute, 32, Hammond 28, and Cambridge City 28.

The weather bureau said northern Indiana missed most of the snowstorm which left central and southern portions of the state covered with a thin film of snow this morning. Rising temperatures had melted most of the snow away this morning.

Fair and warmer weather was forecast for today and Saturday. But the weather bureau said it would be clear and cool tonight with temperatures near freezing.

Report China Reds Attacking Railroad

Part Of Campaign Against Manchuria

Chungking, April 12—(UP)—Nationalist reports said today that Chinese communists have thrown 30,000 troops into attacks against the Peiping-Mukden railroad as a part of a synchronized campaign against Manchurian rail communications.

Central News agency dispatches from the northeastern province of China reported passenger trains wrecked, bridges blown up and rail lines cut at many points. The reported communist offensive appeared intended to prevent movement of nationalist forces into Manchuria.

Government troops advancing northward from Mukden toward Changchun along the trunk railroad have reached a point 20 miles south of Szeepingkai. It was reported. Communist forces in Szeepingkai.

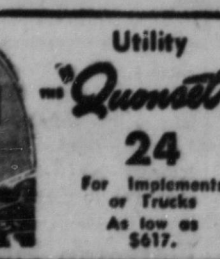
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kai were said to be raising defense works and fighting the nationalist troops approaching the city.

Infantry skirmishing and artillery fire was reported from the outskirts of Changchun all day yesterday, but no big clashes were mentioned.

A Changchun dispatch to the Central agency said that communists took over the Hsifangman hydro-electric plant on the Sungari river from the Russians. This plant supplies half the electric power in Manchuria. Two power lines to Changchun were cut.

Further north at Harbin, communists were said to have occupied the waterworks and to be seeking control of the power station. A force of 6,000 communists was reported moving southward from Harbin.

One of the biggest conflicts, according to government reports, was around Shanhaiwan, 130 miles northeast of Tientsin on the Peiping-Mukden railroad. Ten thousand communists were said to be attacking government troops guarding railway stations.

APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS ESTATE No. 4239

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Executor of the estate of Simon Gilliom, late of Adams County, deceased. The estate is probably solvent.

Walter H. Gilliom, Austin Gilliom, Executors.
March 27, 1946.
D. Burdette Custer, Attorney.
Mar. 28, Apr. 4, 11

Appointment of Administrator ESTATE No. 4240

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Simon Acker, late of Adams County, deceased. The estate is probably solvent.

Gerald Vizard, Administrator.
March 27, 1946.
Earl B. Adams, Attorney.
Mar. 28, Apr. 4, 11

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE ESTATE No. 4148

Notice is hereby given to the creditors, heirs and legatees of Jacob F. Bloemker, deceased, to appear in the Adams Circuit Court, held at Decatur, Indiana, on the 26th day of April, 1946, and show cause, if any, why the Final Settlement Accounts with the estate of said decedent should not be approved; and said heirs are notified to then and there make proof of heirship, and receive their distributive shares.

Lewis H. Worthman, Jr., Executor
Decatur, Indiana, April 4, 1946.
Hubert B. McClennahan.
April 5, 12

Appointment of Administrator ESTATE No. 4238

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Lucy B. Hoffman, late of Adams County, deceased. The estate is probably solvent.

Martin L. Hoffman, Administrator.
March 23, 1946.
John L. DeVoss, Attorney.
Mar. 26, Apr. 2, 9.

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