



SCRIPTURE: Mark 2:13-14; Luke 1:4-10; John 20:30-31; 21:25; Acts 1:1-20; 20:35; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25; 15:3-8; Colossians 4:14; 1 John 1:1-4.

DEVOTIONAL READING: Hebrews 2:1-8.

## In Remembrance

Lesson for January 9, 1949.

**J**ESUS OF NAZARETH was the Unforgettable Man. All our information about him as he lived in Galilee comes from four small booklets known as the Gospels. There was a little more about him in the letters of Paul, and a few additional sayings of his have been preserved in papyrus fragments in Egypt. But the main source of our historical knowledge of Jesus is in these four Gospels. All put together they do not make a big book; but any one of them by itself is a great book.

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**Who Remembered Him?** IT BOTHERS some people to discover what scholars have always known, that our Gospels as we have them are based on earlier writings and spoken traditions. But this gives us an even better reason for trusting the reliability of these records. They were not made up for the first time a generation or more after Jesus' resurrection. They go back to the lifetime of thousands who personally knew Jesus.

The farther back scholars can trace the origins of the Gospels, the more historically reliable they are proved to be. Some of the information worked into our Gospels came from personal reminiscences; this is the case with large parts of Matthew and John. In the case of Mark, the early story in the church was that as a young companion of Peter on missionary journeys, Mark jotted down the stories which Peter told about Jesus.

At any rate the Gospel of Mark contains just the sort of things that a man like Peter would be likely to remember. Luke himself, a missionary doctor and great friend of Paul, never knew Jesus personally, but lived for two years in Palestine and gathered the materials for his Gospel while there were still hundreds of people there who remembered Jesus well.

**What They Remembered** JHN tells us that it would be impossible to write down all that was then known of Jesus' life. Out of the 400 days (at least) during which Jesus' public ministry lasted, not even 40 are recorded, even in part.

Yet what these men did recall and record is enough to reveal a matchless Person. A fifth Gospel might enlarge our knowledge of Jesus; but it would not greatly change it. Jesus never wrote a book, not even a letter so far as we know; yet such words of his as were remembered have influenced the world.

Jesus' entire public ministry lasted a shorter time than it takes to go through college; yet what he did has had a deeper effect on the world than the work of any university graduate in history. Jesus started no corporation, no formal organization; yet out of his fellowship have grown the greatest institutions in the world.

**Why They Remembered** THE STORY of Jesus was remembered and recorded by his followers partly because they could not help it. They could not forget him and did not want to forget him. One thing is true of all those who lovingly cherished these memories of the Master: they loved and adored him.

No unbeliever ever wrote a Gospel. Pilate wrote no life of Christ. Even if Judas had lived, he could not have written one. Our Gospels were written by men of faith, for the purpose of calling out faith in others. "These things were written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Son of God" (John 20:31).

In one sense of the word we could write a better Gospel now for today 19 centuries of Christian experience are behind us, and those centuries are full of the doings of Christ through his church. The four Gospels tell us of what Jesus did in Galilee. But now we can tell the story of what Christ has done in Africa and Greenland and Australia and America. Reading the Gospels is interesting, it is important; but the reading has not hit the bull's-eye if it leaves you, the reader, merely better informed than you were.

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## RURAL CHURCHES

**St. Paul and Winchest**  
U. B. Circuit  
Dale Osborn, pastor

**St. Paul:**  
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.  
Christian Endeavor 7 p.m.  
Preaching 7:30 p.m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p.m.  
**Winchester:**  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Preaching 10:30 a.m.  
Cottage prayer meeting Wednesday day 7:30 p.m.

**Rivarre Circuit**  
U. B. Church  
L. A. Middaugh, pastor  
Mt. Zion

9:30 a.m. Sunday School.

10:30 a.m. Class meeting.

7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

Revival begins Jan. 23rd. Rev.

Franklin Norris, Evangelist.

**Pleasant Grove**

9:30 a.m. Sunday school.

10:30 a.m. Class meeting.

7:00 p.m. Evangelistic service.

Revival now in progress. Every body welcome.

7:00 each evening.

**Mount Tabor Methodist Circuit**

Clifford C. Conn, Minister

Mt. Tabor Church

Mr. Donald Colter, Supt.

The Worship service precedes the Church School at 9:30.

Church School convenes at 10:30.

A good rule for 1949 — Attend Church somewhere each Sunday: No excuses, only reasons.

**Mt. Pleasant**

Mr. Chauncy Supt.

Church School convenes at 9:30.

There will not be preaching this Sunday.

Socalled heathen people of Africa sent missionary money to Chicago, America. Wake up! Come to the Gospel!

**Pleasant Valley**

Mr. Raymond Teeple, Supt.

Church School convenes at 9:30.

There will not be preaching this Sunday.

Christ gave His life for you; let us give our lives for the Gospel.

**ST. Luke Reformed Church**

Honduras

H. H. Meckstroth, pastor

9 a.m. Worship service.

10 a.m. Sunday school.

1 p.m. Catechetical instruction.

**CHURCH NEWS**

Decatur Missionary

The Rev. S. J. Grubill, Missionary

church association Sunday school

superintendent, will be the special

speaker at the Missionary church,

Fenth and Dayton streets, Sunday

in the morning he will speak on

Seven Points of Emphasis in the

Sunday School" and in the evening

he will show pictures on Sunday

school work. Mrs. Grubill will ac-

company him and will give flan-

nelgraph lessons to the children

at both services. The public is in-

ited to the services, which will be

held at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**Indianapolis Woman**

Is Killed By Auto

Indianapolis, Jan. 7 — (UP) —

Amidst Grief, '72, Indianapolis,

was killed last night when she walk-

ed into the side of an automobile

driven by Margaret Sparks, also of

Indianapolis.

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## TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ADVISORY BOARD OF UNION TOWNSHIP, ADAMS COUNTY, INDIANA

1948

Showing Receipts, Disbursements and Balances of All Township Revenues for the Year Ending December 31, 1948.

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

#### Township Fund

Auditor 882.12

Burgd. assessing 33.30

Auditor, Dec. 818.25

Auditor, Dec. 2.10

Total Receipts, Twp. Fd. 1735.77

#### Dog Fund

Burdg. assessing 167.00

Thieme, assessing 4.00

Drew, dog tax 6.48

Total Receipts, dog fund 177.48

#### Tuition Fund

State Auditor, cong. in't. 26.80

State Auditor, tuit. support 1475.04

State Auditor, retir. 17.78

Co. Auditor, tax 468.98

State Auditor, cong. in't. 26.30

State Auditor, tuit. support 1468.92

State Auditor, retir. 1472.88

Audi. Dec. draw, draw 2000.00

Audi. Dec. draw, draw 2354.16

Total Receipts, Tuition Fd. 12069.46

#### Special School Fund

Smith Ins., bond 50.00

Decatur Democrat, advertis. 29.67

C. Burdg. Sal. & Exp. 57.00

Burgd. stamping 29.67

C. Burdg. Sal. & Exp. 3.00

C. Burdg. Sal. & Exp. 75.00</