

Sunday School Lesson Discussion Questions

Discussion Questions on the Sunday School Lesson, Turning Toward the Cross, for Sunday, April 3.

1. Why did Jesus question the belief of others regarding himself?
2. What confession did Jesus desire in his disciples and in us?
3. What is involved in "denying ourselves"?
4. When do we rebuke Christ to the point when Jesus might say to us, "Get thee behind me?"
5. What great lessons were taught by the transfiguration of Christ?

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Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

Creamed Comments on the Sunday School Lesson, Turning Toward the Cross, Mark 8:27-34; Luke 9:23-35, for Sunday, April 3.

The cross is the central theme for the next Quarter's lessons. The study this week is the approach to the cross.

V.27. "And Jesus went out and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and by way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am?" Jesus wanted his disciples to know his true nature that they might the better understand him and his work. So the direct question, "Whom do men say that I am?" We do well to try to better understand, Jesus and his work today.

V.28. "And they answered, John the Baptist; but some say Elias, and others, One of the prophets." These answers were mere guesses. Salvation must be something more than a guess.

V.29. "And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?" And Peter answered and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ. The time had come when a full revelation of himself as the Messiah was necessary. There is no question of the fact of Jesus. The question is: Do we really know him? Peter had the answer; Jesus was the promised Messiah, the Christ.

V.30. "And charged them that they should tell no man of him." There was the danger of his enemies doing away with him before his mission was done. Later he told his enemies the truth. Matt. 26:63-64.

V.31. "And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and the chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again." It was as though Jesus had said to them, "You have declared that I am the Messiah; now I will show you what messiahship means. As an essential element it contains death." In this respect Jesus differs from the founders of all other religions.

V.32. "And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him and rebuked him." Peter really assumed that he knew more about the way to live right, and the plan of salvation, than Jesus actually teaches.

V.33. "But when he had turned and looked on his disciples,

he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me Satan, for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men." The term Satan meant opposer in this case. In view of Christ's words, "He that is not for me is against me" points to all not for Jesus as opposers, as was Peter.

V.34. "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." The key words here are himself and cross. It is self that keeps Jesus out of the lives of men. Every trial, temptation, selfishness, or anything furnishing a barrier to the Christian life, must be borne to the mount of pardon climaxing in the cross of Jesus.

V.26. "And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James and went up into a mountain to pray." Jesus so often retired to the mountain to pray; as a result a great revelation was about to be made to the inner circle of three.

Vs. 29,30,31. "And as he prayed the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering. And behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias; who appeared in glory and spoke of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem." Here was further revelation of Jesus attested by two Old Testament characters whose presence brought the glory of God that shone with such illumination as to transfigure the three, all seen by the three disciples as earthly witnesses. Here is just a little picture of heaven prepared for God's children.

V.33. "And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said." Likely Peter felt the occasion was too blessed to be ended so quickly.

Vs. 34,35. "While he thus spake, there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son; hear him." God said in plain language that there was nothing so important on the earth as his Son, his mission, the salvation he was making possible for all men who would give heed to him.

V.51. "And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he steadfastly set his face to go up to Jerusalem." Jesus was on his way to the cross and was being strengthened for his journey by his mountain top experience.

we may pray so well as to have something of Christ's transfiguration take place in our own lives.

Book Review

Notes on the Doctrine of God, by Carl H. Henry, the W. A. Wilde Co., is challengingly presented for the university mind in quest of the Christian message for a secular age. The theme of the book insists that God is personal and self-revealing, an almighty Father, a God of love, a God supreme over all, yet vitally concerned in the events of time.

Dr. Schweitzer, after his long sojourn in Africa, is visiting Europe the first time in 15 years, except for 2 weeks in 1939. He is in Switzerland with his wife, their daughter, her husband, and four grandchildren whom he is seeing for the first time. After he completes some writing, he will travel.

LESSON PRAYER:

Lesson Prayer: We pray for a fuller revelation of Christ as Lord and Savior; we thank thee, O God, for light enough to take the steps necessary to a fuller knowledge of Christ. Grant that

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Sunday Service

St. Mary's Church
Very Rev. Msgr. Seimetz, pastor
6:00 a.m. Low Mass.
7:30 a.m. Low Mass.
9:00 a.m. Children's Mass.
10:15 a.m. High Mass.
Prayer hour Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

Holy Communion Sundays
First Sunday, St. Agnes Sodality
Second Sunday, Holy Name Society.

Third Sunday, St. Mary's Society.
Fourth Sunday, Children of Mary.
Lenten Services
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Sermon and Benediction.
Friday, 7:30 p.m. Way of the Cross and Benediction.

Nuttman Ave. United Brethren Church
George E. Weaver, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
Morning worship 10:30 a.m.
"Our Debts To God."
Christian Endeavor 6:30 p.m.
Evangelistic services 7:30 p.m.
Rev. George Hall from Huntington will be the speaker.

First Baptist Church
Robert H. Hammond, pastor
Bible school 9:30 a.m. Classes for all and everybody welcome.
Ralph Kenworthy, superintendent.
Morning worship 10:30 a.m. Message, "Nicomachus and the Way," John 3:1-12. Communion will be served at close of service.
The Decatur Baptist Brotherhood will attend the Salomonie association meeting at Muncie Monday. Call Gerald Rumble or Hubert Jasper.

First Christian Church
E. E. Isenhower Minister
Lloyd Rhodes Supt.
Sunday morning at 9:30 the Men of the church will have charge of the services. Come worship with them. An all male choir. Mr. Adam Kunovich will give a violin solo. Subject: "The Eyes of God."
Junior Church at the same time.
Mrs. Isenhower in charge.
Mid week services Wednesday evening at 7:00. Mr. James Anderson will be the leader.

Zion Lutheran Church
West Monroe and Eleventh Streets
Edgar P. Schmidt, Pastor
(Where Beauty of Sanctuary and Service Invite to Worship.)
It is Passion Sunday in the Christian Church, two weeks before the great festival day of the Resurrection.

Two services will be conducted Sunday morning. At the 8 o'clock worship hour the Rev. Paul G. Amt of Fort Wayne will occupy the pulpit. His topic is "The Sacrifice of the Son of Man."

Bible Class and Sunday School meet at 9:15. There are classes for all ages. The pastor conducts the Adult Bible Class. "Christian management and Christian labor" is the Sunday Bible Class discussion topic.

At the 10:30 Service the members of the Children's Catechumen Class will be publicly examined by the pastor on the chief doctrines of the Christian religion. The Choir will sing "God so loved the world," by Stainer.

The quarterly meeting of the Voters Assembly, the administrative body of the congregation, will be held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock.

The Married Couples Club will meet Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. A colored film picturing the activities and learning devices practiced at the Lutheran Institute for the Deaf in Detroit will form the educational part of the evening program. The film is beautiful and highly informative.

The Sixth and final of the Wednesday evening mid-week Lenten Vespers will be conducted next Wednesday at 7:30.
"His Hands and Feet Were Pierced" will be the sermon theme at the Lent Vesper. The choir will sing.

The Sunday school teachers staff meets Thursday evening at 7 and 7:30 o'clock, for lesson preparation and training course. There will be a review of chapter two of the text-book.

The Church Choir, under the direction of Mr. David Embler, will present the oratorio, "The Crucifixion," by Sir John Galignani next Sunday, Palm Sunday, evening at 7:30 in the Church.

Bethany Church
Evangelical United Brethren
F. H. Willard, Minister
Sunday school 9:15 a. m. Laurence Anspaugh, Supt.
The Junior choir will sing.
Morning Worship, 10:15 a. m.
Sermon: "Making Gains Out of Our Losses." The Youth choir will sing.

The Mission Band will meet during the hour of worship.
Board of Trustees, Monday, 7:00.
Meeting of the Fourth Quarterly conference Tuesday evening at 7:30. The Rev. M. O. Herman, conference superintendent, will be present and conduct the conference session.

No service on Wednesday evening.
A combined meeting of the Ladies Aid and Women's Society for World Service will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the church.

First Presbyterian Church
Five Points, Decatur
A. C. E. Gillander, pastor
Church School, 9:30 a. m. Lewis Smith and Dick Heller, co-superintendents.
Session will meet for prayer in study at 10:35 a. m.
Divine worship, 10:30 a. m.
Mrs. Tyndall will sing, "Sheep and Lambs." There will be ordination and installation of the newly elected officers, and the pastor will preach on "The Presbyterian Idea."

The Lenten Meditations will continue on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, with the choir practice for Holy Week and Easter music at 8 o'clock.
Wednesday afternoon, church women are going to the Spring Presbyterian at Kendallville.

Thursday afternoon, Women's Missionary Society meets with Hostess Wilson at 235 South First street, beginning with Spiritual Life Meditation at 2:00 p. m. Mrs. Teeple will lead devotions and Mrs. Gillander will speak on "Youth Leadership Conferences."

Trinity
Evangelical United Brethren
Madison at Ninth
John E. Chambers, Minister
9:15 a.m. — Sunday School; Chalmers Barkley, Supt. Lesson Study: "Turning Toward the Cross."

10:30 a.m. — Divine Worship. The service begins with the organ prelude by Harold Mumma. The "Winner" Male Quartet of Berne will sing two numbers — "This is the Lord's Own Day" and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." Singing in the quartet will be Leland Neuen, first tenor; John Purvis, second tenor; Carl Luginbill, baritone; and Omer Neunenschwander, bass. Dr. D. H. Gillatt of Bonebrake Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, will bring the sermon entitled "God is Faithful — Therefore, Worship with us at this special service."

6:30 p.m. — Christian Endeavor Societies and Youth Fellowship. 7:30 p.m. — The Evening Service. The "Winner" Quartet will again sing two numbers — "Sun of My Soul" and "Now the Day is Over." Dr. Gillatt's message will be "Our Hope."

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. — Lenten Week-Day Service. Hymns in keeping with Lent will be used and a special number given. The sermon by the Pastor will be "The Call to Prayer."

8:00 — Choir Rehearsal under the direction of Leland Neuen.

First Methodist Church
Gerald H. Jones, minister
The Church At Study
9:30

The children will meet in their new classes. The Church School has been switched to a closely graded curriculum with one grade in each class.

The Church At Worship
10:20
The service of worship will begin by the offering of "Sanctus" (Gounod) by Mrs. Edger Gerber on the organ. Byron Stitzer and James Rowley will serve as Acolytes. The Ladies Choir will sing the anthem. The sermon theme entitled "Through a Glass Darkly" will deal with the second in a series of meditations on the Will of God in a world where there is suffering, sin and cataclysms.

Evening Vespers
The Rev. Paul Wayne Paffen, First Methodist Church, Bluffton, Indiana, will be the guest preacher. Noah Steury will be general chairman.

man. Mrs. Walter Krick and Mrs. Dan Tyndall will sing a duet. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Steury will have charge of the fellowship hour. After the class period for all age groups, the film "The Color of a Man" will be shown. This film deals with racial prejudice. The film for the children is entitled "Plant Growth." The whole family is invited to participate.

Youth Fellowship
The Youth Fellowship will meet at 6:00 in cooperation with Evening Vespers. Mrs. C. D. Collier will have the lesson.

Tuesday
There will be a District Meeting for the Women's Society of Christian Service at Trinity Methodist Church at 9:00. Miss Marie Adams, teacher in Peiping, China, will speak. Trinity Church is at 609 Putnam Street.

Wednesday
During the service for prayer, the psalms will be studied. At the close of the meeting, at 8:00, the Official Board of the church will convene for business matters.

Church of God
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Bernice A. McCurdy,
Dwight R. McCurdy, Ministers
9:30 a.m. Morning worship, sermon, "The Inescapable Christ."

10:30 a.m. Church school, Mrs. Floyd Mitchell, and Mr. Emery Hawkins, general superintendents. 6:30 p.m. Shining Lights, Norma Agler, in charge.

6:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship, Miss LaVon Strickler, president, Mrs. Guy Agler, Counselor.

7:30 p.m. Sunday evening Services, Sermon, "Gamblers At The Cross."

3:30 p.m. Sunday Tune in W. F. T. W. "Christian Brotherhood Hour."

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7:00 p. m. Wednesday, Girls choir practice.

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

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, sanctuary choir practice.

The chief characteristics of God's church are:
Purity — Unity — and Power.
One Fold John 10:16.
One Body Rom. 12:4, 5.
One Way Jer. 32:38-39.
One Heart Acts 4:32.
One Accord Acts 2:1.
One Faith Eph. 4:5.
One Mind 4 Cor. 1:10.
One Doctrine 2 Tim. 3:16-17.
One Baptism Eph. 4:5.
One Name Eph. 3:14-15.
One Spirit 1 Cor. 6:17.
One Door of Entrance John 10:7.

One Head Eph. 5:23.
The Bible says, "A Christian experience makes you a member of the Church of God." Acts 2:47. "A Christian welcome to all."

Decatur Missionary Church
Tenth and Dayton, Sts.
H. J. Wetly, minister
9:00 to 11:00 Unified Services of Sunday School and Morning Worship Hour. Mervin Rupp, Supt. Solo Mr. Myers. Message, "Christ Laid Down His Life." Communion will be observed in this service.

7:00 Children's Gospel Hour. 7:30 Evening Service.
Hymn Sing and Chorus Time.
Message, "A Wonderful Provision."

Wednesday, 7:30 Prayer Meeting and Bible Study. Special service on Consecration. A short biography will be given of Frances R. Haver. A number of her songs will be used.

Thursday, 7:00 Teachers' Training Class will meet at the home of

Christian worship is divine and human. Both God and man are involved. The former is the object of worship, while the latter is the worshiper. Public worship has a human leader, but he must have divine direction if those present meet God. Further, God moves on the individual heart and is the source of its freedom. God is in both the order and the spontaneity, the social and the individual factors. Without His presence there can be no real worship.

The largest spiritual results from corporate worship which all individuals together exalt the Lord as Master of their lives. Why not accept invitation and COME TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY?

— Rev. D. Carl Taylor

Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Rupp.
April 17, We will have as our Guest speaker, Rev. C. J. Gerig, District Supt. of the Central District of the Missionary Church Association. April 24 at 7:30 p.m. The Men's Chorus of the Ft. Wayne Bible Institute will give a Concert. You are invited to all these services.

Zion Evangelical and Reformed
William C. Feller, Pastor
Church School at 9:00 a.m. Wesleyman, Supt.

Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Fifth Sunday in Lent. Sermon: "Behold, What Manner of Love." The choir will sing "There Is A Green Hill Far Away," by Gounod. This service is open to all members and friends of the church. Visitors are always welcome.

Official Board meeting on Monday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Senior catechetical class on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.

Final mid-week Lenten service on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. "Highlights of the First Holy Week" in Scripture, art and music.

The presentation of the confirmation class to the official board, parents and friends will take place after the Lenten service.

Choir rehearsal at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, following the Lenten service.

Girls' Guild meeting at the parsonage on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Heidelberg class meeting in the church social room on Thursday at 8:00 p.m. Silent auction.

Senior choir rehearsal on Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Catechetical classes on Saturday morning: Seniors at 9, juniors at 10 a.m.

Come and worship with us.

Church of the Nazarene
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Ralph A. Carter, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Leo Meriman, Supt. A warm welcome awaits one and all.

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m. Message: "Christ's Desire For His Children." Following the message communion will be served.

Juniors, 6:45 p.m. Mrs. George Anspaugh, supervisor.

Youth Service, 6:45 p.m. This is a special invitation to the young people as we plan to hold our first service in the new auditorium. Evelyn Hicks, president.

Evangelistic Service, 7:30 p.m. Message: "Whom Shall I Release?" Monday 7:30 p.m. Church Board Meeting.

Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Christian Service Training Class.

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Prayer and Praise service.

Thursday 7:30 p.m. Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. Jess Plasterer, 1005 Patterson. This is to be Guest Night and each member is urged to bring a guest.

Clericus Says:

Clericus says: "A belief in the deity of Jesus Christ is the very fountain head of Christian doctrine. No belief we may entertain about Jesus, no compliment we may pay him as a person of moral grandeur and wisdom, mean anything significant unless we know

Jesus as the divine Son of God and base our religion on His knowledge."

Do You Know

1. What was Jesus' answer to the statement, "Master, bid the fig tree which thou commandest to wither away?"
2. How much faith did Jesus need to remove mountains?
3. Finish this sentence: "Things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and they shall be unto you."
4. What happens to a man who will not forgive?
5. Why did the enemies of Christ not kill him when he told the parable of the wicked husbandman?

Do You Know Answers

1. "Have faith in God."
2. "Faith as a grain of mustard seed."
3. "... and ye shall have them."
4. "Neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses."
5. "They feared the people."

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