



SCRIPTURE: Mark 11:27-12:44.  
DEVOTIONAL READING: Mark 12:1-12.

### Jesus And Critics

Lesson for May 8, 1949

**DURING JESUS'** last week, his enemies were firing at point-blank range. They were dead set to kill him; but they did not want to do that if they could ruin him some other way. What they tried to do was to make him out either a rascal or a fool, or both. Mark's story shows how Jesus took it.



The first question they asked **Dr. Foreman** sounded perfectly fair. "Where did you get your authority?" As we saw last week, Jesus had assumed simply tremendous authority. Wasn't it fair to ask him where he got it? The trouble was that the men who asked the questions didn't want to know. They only wanted to heckle Jesus.

The world is full of just such license-hunting snoopers as these. They do not like it when a man succeeds. They particularly do not like it when a man succeeds without their help.

"Who is this fellow anyway? Where did he get his start? what family does he have, where is his diploma?" Jesus never answered this question, because he knew why they asked it. (Mark 11:27-33.)

#### Taxes

**IN JESUS'** TIME you could not vote either for more taxes, or less. You paid what the Roman soldier at your door said to pay, and you were thankful not to be poked in the ribs with his sword while you were fishing up the money. But no one dared to complain. The Romans had some deep dank dungeons for people who complained about high taxes. So the next question Jesus' enemies asked him was about taxes, or tribute, which means the same thing. They thought they had Jesus on a spot where whatever he said would put him in the wrong. Suppose he said: "Yes, pay taxes by all means." Then they would snarl: "Boot-licker of the Romans! Traitor to your country!" But if Jesus said, "No, don't pay taxes," then they would howl: "Treason! Police! Arrest this man who defies the Emperor!" Jesus' answer was a masterpiece, because he not only did not dodge the hot question, he did not leave the questioners a leg to stand on. (Mark 12:17.)

#### Hairsplitters by Trade

**THE CRITICS** of Jesus were hair-splitters by trade. Yet none of them had ever been able to answer another tricky question with which they now expected to floor Jesus.

"Which is the greatest commandment of all?" The question had been going the rounds for generations. The greatest minds in Jewery had wrestled with it. But it was a foolish question after all.

Which is the most important brick in a wall? What position on a volley-ball team is the most important? What is the most important link in a chain? An answer to these questions would seem about as easy as answering that one about the greatest commandment. Jesus knew they were trying to show him up as a bungler, as a very poor and amateurish hair-splitter indeed. But instead, he did what no one expected him to do: he answered their question, and answered it so well that it is one of the cornerstones of our religion today.

#### How to Take Criticism

**THE READER** should consult Mark for the whole story. It bristles with practical thoughts, one of the most practical being how to take criticism. All of us can take it from our friends and families; we know they mean it for our own good. But criticism that is unfair, from people who want only to show us up for fools or to get us into hot water—that is hard to take. Jesus should be our example.

He did not let other people's criticisms interfere with his work. He never avoided criticism. He did not "twist the lion's tail," he did not deliberately provoke criticism. But he would not claim exemption from what every one has to stand, being looked over and rated by the people who knew him.

He never broke his heart over what people said of him. He did not go around crying to himself.

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### RURAL CHURCHES

**Pleasant Mills & Salem Methodist**  
Ralph R. Johnson, minister  
Salem  
Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday school 10:30.  
Blue Creek Twp. S. S. convention at Union Church at 7:30.  
Prayer service Wednesday at 8:00.

**Pleasant Mills**  
Sunday school 9:30.  
Worship 10:30.  
St. Mary's Twp. S. S. Convention at Calvary Church at 7:30.  
Prayer service Thursday at 8:00.

**Winchester and St. Paul**  
U. B. Circuit  
Dale Osborn, pastor  
Winchester  
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.  
Sermon 10:30 a.m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

**St. Paul**  
Sunday school 9:15 a.m.  
Christian Endeavor 7 p.m.  
Pageant, "Holy Altar," 7:30 p.m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 p.m.  
Mothers and Daughters banquet Friday May 13.

**Calvary E. U. B. Church**  
Albert N. Straley, minister  
Lloyd Lichtenberger, S. S. Supt.  
Services Sunday, May 8, 1949.  
Morning worship service 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday school 10:00 a.m.  
These services are scheduled according to Central Daylight Saving Time.

**Monroe Friends Church**  
Russell B. Persons, pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday school. Wm. Zurcher, superintendent.  
10:30 a.m. Morning service. Mes-

sage by Miss Lela G. McConnell, president of the Kentucky Mountain Holiness Association of Breathitt County, Kentucky.

Evening service will be dismissed for the Baccalaureate service of the senior class of the Monroe high school, to be held at the Monroe Methodist Church.  
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, mid-week prayer service.

**Rivarre Circuit**  
U. B. Church  
L. A. Middaugh, pastor  
Mt. Zion  
9:30 a.m. Sunday school.  
10:30 a.m. Preaching service.  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

**Pleasant Grove**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday school.  
10:30 a.m. Mothers Day program.  
7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.  
8:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

**Mt. Victory**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday school.  
10:30 a.m. Class meeting.  
7:00 p.m. Christian Endeavor.  
8:00 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting.

**Pleasant Mills Baptist**  
Rev. Durward B. Gehris, pastor  
9:30 D. S. T. Sunday School.  
10:30 Worship Service with sermon by the pastor.  
Come unto His courts with gladness.

**Union Chapel Evangelical**  
United Brethren Church  
Pastor L. T. Norris  
9:30 Sunday School, T. I. Drew, superintendent.  
10:15 Worship Service.  
There will be no evening services on Sunday May 8th, and 22nd due to the Baccalaureate services

at Monmouth and Decatur schools. Prayer meeting this week will be Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock due to the commencement exercises at Monmouth.

**Mt. Tabor Methodist Circuit**  
Clifford C. Conn, Minister

**Mt. Tabor Church**  
Mr. Donald Colter, supt.  
There will not be preaching this Sunday.  
The Evangelistic meetings have closed.

**Mt. Pleasant**  
Mr. C. A. Sheets, supt.  
Church School at 9:30.  
There will not be preaching this Sunday.

**Beulah Chapel**  
Mr. Donald Shady, supt.  
Church School at 9:30.  
Church Worship 10:45.  
You will remember Mother by going to Church.

**Pleasant Valley**  
Mr. Raymond Teeple, supt.  
The Worship Hour will be 9:30.  
The Study Hour will begin at 10:30.

Remember Mother by going to Church. The pastor will have a special message for this service.

**St. Luke Reformed**  
Honduras  
H. H. Meckstroth, pastor  
9 a.m. Worship service.  
10 a.m. Sunday school.

### CHURCH NEWS

**Zion Lutheran**  
A series of two sermons on "The Christian Home" will be delivered by the Rev. Edgar P. Schmidt, pastor of Zion Lutheran church, beginning Sunday, Mother's day. The topic for Sunday will be "The Marks of the Godly Home," based on Joshua 24: 14-18. Mother's day will be observed in its wider implication of the home.

Two services will be conducted Sunday morning at 8 and 10:30 o'clock. The Zion choir, under the direction of David Embler, will appear in the 10:30 service, singing, "O Blessed Day of Motherhood," by Carl F. Mueller.

"The Blessings of the Home" will be the second topic in the "Home Series," and will be the worship theme for Sunday, May 15. Unchurched parents and children are especially urged to attend divine services at some church on Mother's day, and Zion Lutheran extends a cordial invitation to its worship services.

**Willshire Methodist**  
Members of the Willshire Methodist church extend an invitation to all friends and former members of the church to attend the special 120th anniversary and homecoming day services of the church, which will be held Sunday, May 15, in the newly redecorated sanctuary and basement, with the Rev. William M. George of Columbus, Ohio, a former pastor of the church, as the speaker. The program committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Vernon Hoblet, announces the following program for the day:

Church school and Bible study at 9 a.m. under the direction of Raymond Edwards, superintendent.

Morning worship at 10:30 a.m. with special music and sermon by the pastor, the Rev. Edwin C. Bissell, entitled, "We Stand at the Crossroads."

Basket dinner at 12 noon in the church basement to which all are invited.

The afternoon service at 2:30 p.m. will feature special music, the history of the church, and the address by Rev. George entitled, "The Glory of Seeing."

More than 30 ministers have guided the congregation during this time and have found a helping, worshipful and courageous laity to carry on the program of Kingdom building. Everyone is invited to join in this celebration.

**St. Paul Church**  
A pageant "Holy Altar," a candlelight service for Mother's day, will be presented at the St. Paul church, four miles southeast of Decatur, Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

#### NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

**NO. 4428**  
Notice is hereby given to the creditors, heirs and legatees of Grace C. Coffey, deceased, to appear in the Adams Circuit Court, held at Decatur, Indiana, on the 4th day of June, 1949, and show cause, if any, why the FINAL SETTLEMENT ACCOUNTS with the estate of said deceased should not be approved, and said heirs are notified to then and there make proof of heirship, and receive their distributive shares.

**Edward L. Coffey and Genevieve Tersteeg,**  
Co-Administrators  
Decatur, Indiana, April 28, 1949.  
Attorney **Ed. A. Bosse.**  
April 29, May 6

#### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Adams County, Indiana, will receive sealed bids at the office of the County Auditor until the hour of 2:00 p.m., Monday, May 16, 1949, for the following:

Repair of Court House:  
Metal cornice, dormers, and flashing to be repainted.  
Pick-up trailer for the Adams County Home.  
Plans and specifications for the above are on file in the office of the County Auditor.  
All bids must be accompanied with bond or certified check in the amount of 10% of the price bid. The Board reserves the right to reject and or all bids.  
By order of the Board of Commissioners of Adams County.  
**Thurman L. Drew**  
Auditor, Adams County.  
May 6-9

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### St. Mary's Sunday School Convention

Meet Sunday Night At Calvary Church

The St. Mary's township Sunday school convention will be held at 7:30 p. m. Sunday at the Calvary Evangelical United Brethren church.

Five churches of the township, Pleasant Mills Baptist, Pleasant Mills Methodist, Bobo United Brethren, Bobo Methodist and the Calvary church will participate.

This will be the first convention held since 1945.

An interesting program has been planned and the public is invited to attend.

The Rev. Durward Gehres will be the principal speaker, stressing Sunday school work. County Sunday school convention officers will be present and will speak briefly.

Special music will be provided by members of the participating churches.

#### APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTRIX

**ESTATE NO. 4522**  
Notice is hereby given, That the undersigned has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Arthur Shock late of Adams County, deceased. The estate is probably solvent.

**Elizabeth Bailey Butler,**  
Executrix  
Nathan C. Nelson, Attorney  
April 28, 1949. April 29, May 6, 13

#### INSURANCE

**Leo "Dutch" Ehinger**  
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720 No. 3rd St. Phone 570

Trade in a Good Town — Decatur

### Sentenced For Life For Killing Mother

Rockwell City, Ia., May 6—(UP)—A youth who killed his mother because she wouldn't let him keep a date with a girl friend was sentenced to life imprisonment today.

Dale Junior Post, 17, Farnhamville, Ia., pleaded guilty to shooting his mother, Mrs. Frances Post, 48, last April 19 in the kitchen of their home.

Trade in a Good Town — Decatur

### FIRST SCHOLARSHIP

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exhibit, a parade through the business district was held as the climax to the bicycle safety program conducted in this city by the F.P.C.

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### SALE CALENDAR

**MAY 7**—Clare S. Eddy, 713 North 10th St. or Corner of 10th and 11th St., Decatur. Good Semi-Modern House and Large Lot. Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sanmann, Auct.  
**MAY 9**—Ben F. Shroyer, 2 mi. E. and 1 mi. N. of Decatur, 14 mi. of U. S. 224. Shroyer's park and lake. Roy & Ned Johnson, Auct. and Kent Realty & Auction Co.  
**MAY 9**—William H. Clark, 722 Line street, Decatur, four room house. Roy & Ned Johnson and Melvin Lechty, Auct.  
**MAY 11**—Arthur L. Clement, 132 West High St., Montpelier, Ind. Residence and Business Building, 1:00 P. M. Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sanmann, Auct.  
**MAY 11**—V. W. Swoveland, 543 West Huntington St., on No. 18 Highway, Montpelier, Ind. Good Five Room Home and Driveway with garden and berries. 3:00 P. M. Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sanmann, Auct.  
**MAY 13**—Doak Karr, 440 North Laura St., Payne, Ohio. Good 6 Room Residence, 6:00 P. M. Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sanmann, Auct.  
**MAY 14**—Lesse Conner, 2 mi. N. of Richmond, Ind. on Highway No. 60 Acres Plotted as subdivision, Building Lots and Acreage. Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sanmann, Auct.  
**MAY 16**—Fred H. Remiker, 5 1/2 miles West of North Manchester, Ind. then 2 mi. N. Well Improved 116 acre farm. Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sanmann, Auct.  
**MAY 16**—Ralph E. Crill, 119 North Sixth street, Decatur. 7 room house and household furniture. Roy & Ned Johnson and Melvin Lechty, aucts.  
**MAY 18**—Ernest L. Sills, 6 1/2 mi. E. of Fort Wayne, Ind. on Highway No. 37 to the St. Joe Road then N. to Ely Road then E. 2nd set of Improvements. Fine Modern Country Home on 20 Acres of Land, 6:00 P. M. Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sanmann—Auct.  
**MAY 21**—Mayme D. Cole, 4 mi. W. of Silver Lake, Ind. on Highway No. 14, then 2 1/2 mi. N. Well Improved 30 Acre Farm. Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sanmann, Auct.  
**MAY 25**—Walter H. Loehner, 6 mi. S.E. of Fort Wayne, Ind. on Wagon Trace Road to the Marion Center Road then 1 mi. S. Highway Improved 118 Acre Farm and Personal Property. Midwest Realty Auction Co., J. F. Sanmann, Auct.

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