Mark Wasn't a Very Particular Chap

Mark Twain once visited Jimmy Whistler's studio and, assuming an air of hopeless stupidity, approached a picture which Mr. Whistler had nearly completed. "Not at all bad, Mr. Whistler; not at all bad. Only, here in this corner," said Mark, reflectively, "if I were you I'd do away with that cloud." and with that he rubbed a finger lightly over the offending cloud. "Gad sir!" cried Jimmy "Do

"Gad, sir!" cried Jimmy. "Do be careful there! Don't you see the paint is not yet dry?"

"Oh, don't mind that," replied Mark. "These gloves I'm wearing are old ones." -Kansas City Star.



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Lesson for October 18

THE SPOKEN AND THE WRITTEN WORD

LESSON TEXT-Acts 17:1, 5-11: I Thes-calonians 2:7-12.

GOLDEN TEXT-The Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword. Heb. 4:12.

PRIMARY TOPIC-When People Read the Bible.

the Bible.
JUNIOR TOPIC—The Power of Jesus'

JUNIOR TOPIC

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INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC

How May I Win Others to Christ?

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC

Evangelism and the Bible.

The persecution at Philippi served not to discourage Paul and Silas, but rather to send them forward but rather to send them forward into new territory with the gospel message. Passing through two cities they came to Thessalonica, then as now a city of considerable importance. After a successful though stormy ministry there they journeyed forty miles to Berea, where the Word was gladly received.

The portion of our lesson from the Book of Acts relates how the the Book of Acts relates how the Word was preached and received in these two cities, and the excerpt from the letter which Paul later wrote to the Thessalonian church shows what manner of life the preacher sought to live among

them.
I. Preaching the Word (Acts 17; 1,

5-8).
Paul's experience at Thessalonica presents an excellent illustration of 1. How the Word should be preached (vv. 1, 5-8).

This section is incomplete with-out verses 2-4, which are omitted from the printed portion but should be included in the study of the lesson. Notice four things concern-

lesson. Notice four things concerning his preaching.

a. The place (v. 1). Paul went to the synagogue, not by chance or because it was a great religious holiday, but because it was his "custom." The synagogue was the center of Jewish worship, and there Paul met those who were ready to receive the Word of God.

Some Christians are content to remain comfortably in church and forget to go out into the highways and hedges, but there are others who have become so accustomed to going elsewhere that they neglect the opportunity for spiritual ministry in the church.

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b. The method (vv. 2-3). "Reasoning from the Scriptures." No better method has ever been devised. It is God's method. Let us get back to exposition of the Scriptures—"opening" them to men and women, "alleging," or setting out in order the truth.

c. The subject (v. 3). He preached three fundamental doctrines—the atonement, the resurrec-

preached three fundamental doctrines—the atonement, the resurrection, and the deity of Christ. Scripture preaching will be doctrinal.

d. The result (vv. 4-8). Faithful preaching of God's Word brings one of two results in the hearts of men—they are either "persuaded" and converted, or they become angry and persecute. Those who rightly received the truth were glad to join with Paul: the others raised a hue with Paul; the others raised a hue and cry because Paul and Silas were turning "the world upside down." As a matter of fact the world was already wrongside up, and Paul sought to set it right.

It is still upside down in our day.
Coming to Berea, we find Paul's
experience there an illustration of
2. How the Word should be received (vv. 9-11).

Good hearers are as important as good preachers. How should the Word be received?

a. With readiress of mind (v. 11). This is a mark of nobility. The world regards the sophisticated doubter as the learned man, but he is not. Noble is the mind and heart that receives God's truth.

b. Carefully and thoughtfully (v. 11). There would be less error and folly in the pulpit if there were more intelligent Bible study in the pew. Do not assume that what some learned professor, or distin-guished radio preacher says is true. Check his message by the Word.

In the final portion of our lesson Paul tells the Thessalonians that when he was with them he was concerned not only about preaching the Word, but also about

II. Living the Life (I Thess. 2:7-12). Paul did not contradict his preaching by his living. His was a 1. Sacrificial service (vv. 7-9). The man who preaches for his

own glory—or gain—is not a true preacher of the gospel.

2. Consistent examples

10-12)

The minister of Christ must behave "holily, righteously, and un-blamably" if his people are to "walk worthy of God."

Foreign Words and Phrases

A tout prix. (F.) At any price; whatever the cost.
Brutum fulmen. (L.) Ineffectual thunderbolt.

Chevalier d'industrie. (F.) A windler; sharper; an adventurer. Deus vobiscum! (L.) God be with you!

In medias res. (L.) Into the midst, as of a subject.

Mauvaise honte. (F.) False modesty.

Nil admirari. (L.) To wonder at nothing. Pate de foies gras. (F.) A pie

of fat goose live Ecce. (L.) Behold.

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Under the Ashes

Which of us that is thirty years old has not had his Pompeii? Deep under ashes lies life, youth, the careless sports, the pleasures and passion, the darling joy. -Thackeray.

Just Actions

IT IS not possible to found a lasting power upon injustice, perjury, and treachery. These may, perhaps, succeed for once, and borrow for awhile from hope, a gay and flourishing appearance. But time betrays their weakness, and they fall into ruin of themselves. For, as in structures of every For, as in structures of every kind, the lower parts should have the greatest firmness—so the grounds and principles of actions should be just and true.

—Demostheres -Demosthenes.

A soul filled with vanity has no room for charity.

Greeley Wished to Share With Others

When Horace Greeley was in When Horace Greeley was in Greencastle, Pa., to deliver a lecture, F. M. Ritezel, a Warren, Ohio., editor, went over to ask him if he would also address a gathering in Warren while he was in this region.

The two mer were walking along the street in Greencastle, Ritezel urging him to come to Warren and Greeley eating a peach. When the immortal editor finished the peach he threw the stone carefully into a field so that it might take root and develop into a tree. As he did he said: "There, somebody may have the good of it."





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