

# SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson I.—Fourth Quarter, For Oct. 6, 1912.

## THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Mark vi, 45-56. Memory Verses, 49, 50—Golden Text, Matt. xiv, 27—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Steagme.

This incident is recorded by Matthew, Mark and John, the latter telling us that when the people saw His mighty works they were inclined to take Him by force and make Him a king, so He departed into a mountain Himself alone (John vi, 15). They saw a man of unusual power under whose rule no one need ever be hungry or sick or die, and some thought He might be the looked for Messiah, and they would therefore proclaim Him king. They did not know that He was really the God appointed King of the Jews and did not understand that the rulers had rejected Him and were only watching their opportunity to kill Him. He knew all things and could wait His time, saying, "Even so, Father, for so it seemeth good in Thy sight." Here is another perplexing item to little faith. He sent the multitudes away in peace to rest, but sent those weary disciples out to a night of toil and into a storm, while He went up into a mountain apart to pray. Again let us say and hold it fast, "As for God His way is perfect." "Just and true are Thy ways, thou King of nations." (Ps. cxviii, 30; Rev. xv, 3.) If we are His by His precious blood we must be willing to learn the necessary obedience for service in the kingdom by suffering, even as He did. (Heb. ii, 10; v, 8; Phil. i, 29.) Trials are essential as part of our training. (1 Pet. iv, 12, 13.) Verse 48 says that the wind was contrary. In John vi, 18, it is said that it was a great wind, and in Matt. xiv, 24, that they were tossed with the waves.

Some one has said that, while the feeding of the 5,000 sets before us our great commission to give living bread to the hungry multitudes, the boat in the storm with Jesus away on the mountain top is wonderfully suggestive of another feature of this present age, the conflict of the church with the world, the flesh and the devil, while the Lord Jesus is at the right hand of the Father on behalf of His tried and toiling people. We are certainly in a great conflict, not with flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against wicked spirits in heavenly places (Eph. vi, 12), and we need the whole armor of God to stand against the wiles of the devil. One great trouble is that we are too ignorant of his devices and are apt to be deceived by his religious activity and think it to be of God. Everything that does not honor Jesus as God and rest only on His great sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins, however religious it may seem, cannot be of God and must therefore be of the devil.

Consider, then, the hold that he has upon the vast majority of the people in the world; not only all in heathendom, with their many religions, but a great part of Christendom, including all the isms which deny the supernatural birth of Jesus, His deity, His spotless life, His death as our substitute, His literal resurrection from the dead, His present ministry at the right hand of the Father and His coming again to set up His kingdom of righteousness and peace on the earth. Truly the winds are contrary, and though the storm is not yet as great as it will be, it is already quite severe. In our own land just now the highest among the people are devoted to Unitarianism and Roman Catholicism, and it is far from wise in the eyes of many to say a word against either.

It is a good time for such as Daniel and his friends, for such as will bow to none but the living and true God. It looks like the time when the adversary shall speak great words against the Most High and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and many shall be purified, made white and tried. (Dan. vii, 25; xii, 10.) It also looks to many as it did to the disciples in the boat, as if the Lord neither saw nor cared. How comforting, then, are the words, "He saw them toiling in rowing" (48). When it seemed dark as midnight to Israel because of the oppression of the Egyptians the Lord said to Moses, "I have seen, I have heard, I know, I am come down to deliver." (Ex. iii, 7, 8.) When Peter was in prison, after James had been beheaded, and unceasing prayer was made by the church unto God for him, it was not until the last night that the angel delivered him, but he was not too late and never is.

In the morning watch Jesus came walking on the sea, and when they received Him into the ship the wind ceased, and immediately they were at their destination (verse 51; John vi, 21). So it will be again. In that morning when He is drawing near He will come, and joyfully His people shall be with Him in the air, their toil and conflict forever ended. Let us all be patient till the morning. (1 Sam. xiii, 4; Ps. xlii, 1; 1 Cor. xiii, 6.) To their souls He said, "Ye are of good cheer; it is I, be not afraid" (verse 50). He is over the sea and is saying the same words to all our souls. May we have ears to hear. By His power Peter also, walking on the water and might have walked, but if he had kept his eyes on Jesus and had not thought of wind or waves, he would have walked. The one thing always looking on the face of Jesus. His attention was constantly fixed on, "Thou faith in God." "Do not stand, only believe."



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JULIA LEAVISTER, Adm'r of J. E. Leavister, dec'd.  
W. H. YARBOROUGH, Jr., Att'y

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Against R. P. Brooks, Ella Harris, Sidney Harris and Lyddie, or Lizzie Collins, (nee Harris) the last named three being minors without general or testamentary guardians.  
The defendant Lyddie, or Lizzie Collins (nee Harris,) above named will take notice that a proceeding entitled as above has been commenced before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Franklin County, for the partition of the lands of the late Morr. Harris, said land being situated in Harris township, said county and known as the Morr. Harris land, a full description of same appearing in the petition filed in said proceeding; and the said defendant, Lyddie, or Lizzie Collins (nee Harris,) will further take notice that she is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Franklin County, on the 12th day of Oct., 1912, at the Court House of said county in Louisa, N. C. and answer or demur to the petition of the plaintiffs in said proceeding; or the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the granting of said petition.  
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