

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL Sunday School 'Lesson'

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Lesson for November 16

PETER'S CONFESSION

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 16:13-24.
GOLDEN TEXT—Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God—Matt. 16:16.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Peter Speaks Out for Jesus.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Peter Takes His Stand.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Duties and Glory of Confessing Christ.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Does It Matter What One Believes Concerning Christ?

This confession in some sense marks the turning point in Christ's ministry. Hereafter it is more restricted to His disciples. Two reasons why this should be sufficient are (vv. 1-12): (1) The Pharisees and Sadducees show their attitude toward Him in their demand for a sign, His answer is that none shall be given save that of His death and resurrection, as symbolized in the experiences of the prophet Jonah. (2) The disciples show their inability to understand the spiritual nature of His teaching. When He warned them of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees they understood Him to refer to bread, when He meant their doctrine. It was at this crisis when Christ turned from the nation which had rejected Him that Peter made this great confession. It was made in the borders of Caesarea-Philippi, practically Gentile territory.

I. Occasion Of (vv. 13-16).
Two questions of Christ provoked this confession:

1. The question as to the opinion of people concerning Him.
They recognized Him as a teacher or a prophet of more than human authority and power. Today, as then, there is a diversity of opinion among the people as to Jesus Christ. Some think He is only a man; others that He is a great teacher, but nothing more. Had He been content with this He would not have been molested in Jerusalem, for the Jews willingly acknowledged Him as more than a human teacher. It was His persistent claim to be the God-man, the Son of God, that sent Him to the cross.

2. The second question involved the personal opinion of the disciples concerning Him. To be able to tell what others think of Jesus is not enough; there must be definite, correct and personal belief on Him.

II. The New Body, the Church, Announced (vv. 17-20).

Peter had made a noble confession of Christ, so now Christ confesses him. If we confess Christ He will confess us (Matt. 10:32, 33). Christ declared His intention of bringing into existence a new body to the members of which He will give eternal life, and to whose hands He will entrust the keys of the Kingdom. Peter was to have a distinguished place in this body. The keys entrusted to Him were used on the day of Pentecost, and again in the case of Cornelius. Association in this new body cannot be broken by death, for the gates of hades shall not prevail against it. This body, the church, is of a heavenly origin, a heavenly calling and a heavenly inheritance.

III. The Cross the Way to the Throne (vv. 21-33).

This was, no doubt, startling to the disciples. They did not realize that redemption was to be accomplished through the passion of the cross. So unwelcome was this announcement that Peter cried, "This shall not be unto thee." Peter later saw through this darkness to the glory on the hill-top beyond. A new hope then filled his breast (I Pet. 1:3, 4). Victory through death is yet the stumbling block of many. Many are stumbling over the doctrine of salvation and redemption through the suffering of the cross.

IV. The Cost of Discipleship (vv. 24-27).

To follow Christ means suffering. To follow Him is to turn one's back upon the world. Life can only be saved by losing it. If we are going to be Christians we must share Christ's suffering. We cannot go to heaven on flowery beds of ease.

1. There must be denial of self (v. 24). There is a wide difference between self-denial and denial of self. Self-denial is practiced everywhere by all people, but only the disciples of Christ or Christian people deny self. Christ takes the place of self.

2. "Take up his cross." This cross is the suffering and shame which lie in the path of loyalty to God. To do our duty will mean suffering (II Tim. 3:12).

3. Follow Christ. This means to have the mind of Christ, to be like Christ. All such shall be rewarded when Christ comes in glory.

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With Every Day
Every day, as it rises out of eternity, keeps putting to each of us this question afresh—What will you do before this day has sunk into eternity and nothingness again?—F. W. Robertson.

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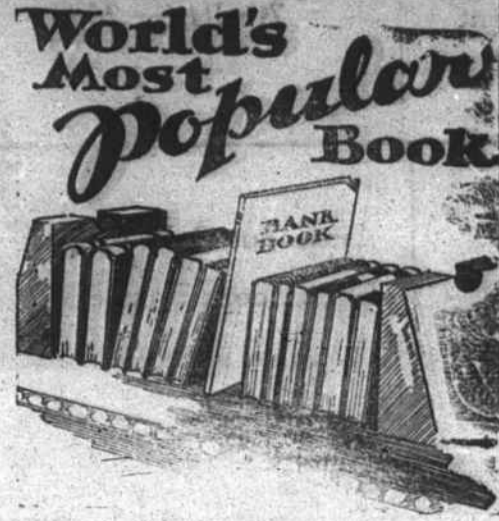
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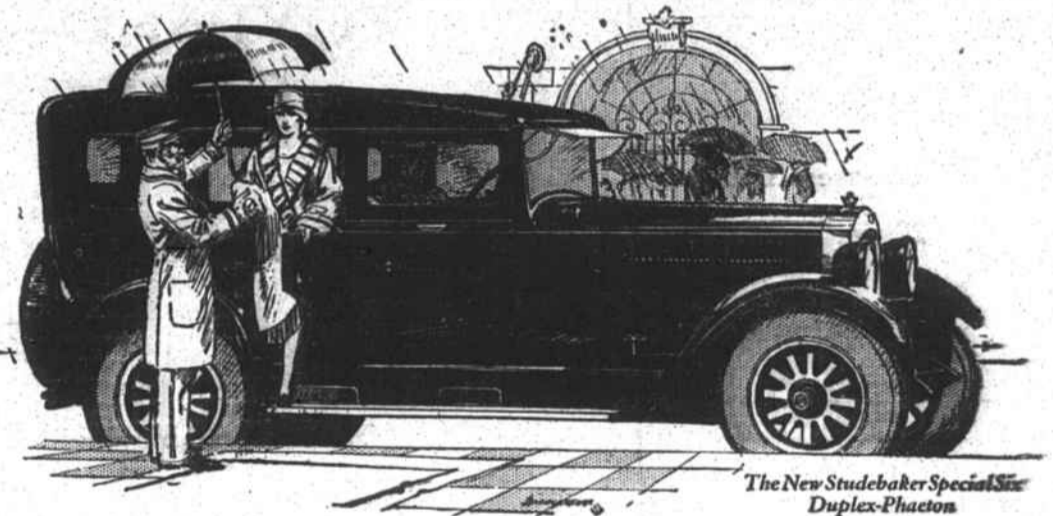
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