

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Peter Becomes a Disciple of Jesus
LESSON TEXT—MARK 1:14-18, 29-31.

The full account of Peter's call is not given either in Matthew or Mark. Luke's account (5:2-9) informs us that before the call of Peter and Andrew, our Lord won their confidence by a miraculous draught of fishes. The first chapter of John adds further details. John the Baptist had previously pointed Andrew to Christ as the Lamb of God (John 1:29, 40-42), after which Andrew had pointed his brother Peter to Christ.

Jesus came preaching the Gospel of the kingdom of God (v. 14), which according to Matt. 24:14 and 28:19, 20 is the Gospel to be preached in all the world until the end of the age. At the time it was preached by our Lord and His disciples, it was a Gospel which in its main details was not completed.

"The time is fulfilled" (v. 15) declared our Lord as He entered upon His public ministry. God keeps time and punctually fulfills it. The first steps for the establishment of God's method, than the measured tread with which Christ went forward to this grand enterprise.

Before this, Jesus had been the carpenter of Nazareth in meekness performing the common duties of life. Now He goes forth as the Christ of God, the Revelation of the Father, the Light of men.

Before this, there had been no miracles. His private life ended in Jordan. He now announces God's kingdom "at hand" (v. 15). He gave its foundation teachings. His death and resurrection became its corner stone. At Pentecost the super-structure began to be raised.

The Jews were undoubtedly desiring a liberator who should gird his sword upon his thigh and exert his power to restore them to their former prestige. The Saviour, however, seems to appear as a man of peace, and His kingdom seems not to be of this world. His rallying cry bids them turn their weapons, not against the Roman government, but against their own pet lusts. He calls them to repent and to believe in Him as the Lamb of God, who should take away sins (Jn. 1:29.)

By the sea of Galilee He finds Peter and Andrew laboring at the

nets (v. 16). Jesus is never found bothering with lazy men. We always find Him honoring diligence in lowly places.

"Come ye after Me" (v. 17). It was first of all, a call to discipleship. Later came apostleship. There must be personal fellowship with Christ before there can be Christian usefulness. To reverse this order is to mistake root for fruit. Give Him the heart first. The dedication of hands, feet, tongue and brain will naturally follow.

"I will make you fishers of men." (v. 17). A fisherman must know something. He must know the characteristics of fish, their haunts and habits. Jesus alone can teach us to know men. We must get our equipment from Him—the bait, the net, the tackle.

Fishing for men is to be the main business of every Christian. By this is not meant that all Christians are expert personal workers. There are many kinds of bait for catching men. There are various methods of fishing. We learn the tricks from Jesus. Some fish with hook and line; some are capable of using large nets. However, we can all do something toward winning men to the Saviour. The more our eyes are upon Him, the more we will do.

Straightway Peter and Andrew changed their nets for a new kind (v. 18), and went into the training school of Christ to learn the new kind of fishing. Perhaps you, too, are called to lay down the implements which some unsaved person could handle in your place, and give your whole time to preparation for Christ's service.

Christ calls upon us to make sacrifices. If some one would say it was not much that these men left remember it was their all. No tempting bait was dangled before their eyes. It was an out-and-out call to hard work. Peter and Andrew accepted. What they replied in words we know not. Their action was full of eloquence. Ready obedience is the easiest. The time to follow is now. It will be harder later.

It was a sudden decision, yet it was a lasting one. They may not have known the full import of their choice, but we do not find them looking back with regret to the things they had given up. If one truly accepts Christ, he will find every satisfaction of life intensified a thousand fold, no matter how rough the road may be.

Our lesson shows us the Saviour entering the home of Peter (v. 29). Jesus had both a public and a private ministry. He regarded individual cases as well as multitudes. Modern ministers would see greater results if they studied the pattern preacher.

There was sickness in this home (v. 30) Peter had taken his wife's mother into the home to care for her. Jesus could have healed her at a distance, but He much preferred standing at the side of the sick one to giving "absent treatment."

The touch of His hand brought immediate and perfect health. It cannot be said that our Lord ever "treated" any one. No one healed by Him ever said: "I have improved some." When Jesus heals, it is instantaneous, complete, permanent. Halfway cures should never be attributed to Him.

Jesus relieved with especial promptness that distresses of those who were near to Him—of His host when the wine failed of His followers—threatened by hunger, of His disciples alone upon the waters, of those He loved in Bethany. He is especially the Saviour of them that believe.

Our Lord performed miracles of healing that we might know that He had power to forgive sins (2:10) It is legitimate that our thoughts should pass from fevers of bodys to fevers of soul. He sometimes heals physical ailments now, but these outer miracles are but types of inner and greater wonders.

Our spirits become fevered. We lose the coolness of self-control. All our faculties are upset. When we feel the cooling hand of the Master, these fevers die out of our souls, and we arise to serve our fellowmen effectively in His Name.

(According to tradition, Peter's wife was named Concordia, was a faithful Christian, accompanied Peter in many journeys, died a martyr for the faith during the persecution of Nero.)

The striking fact of the lesson is that from the very first, Christ made provision for the perpetuity of His kingdom. There must be men to propagate His teachings. They must be trained.

Let us remember that the Saviour chose a few simple fishermen to begin the work of evangelizing the world. He puts no premium upon ignorance, but to Him, character is of far more account than culture. He wants teachable spirits to train for world work. He must have a special love for common folks, for He has called and mightily used many of them in carrying out His commission.

Pith and Point

Gospel fishermen are called to catch men, not simply to cultivate men. He who forsakes all for Christ gains all, both for time and eternity.

Winning one person at a time to Christ is the best way to win many in time.

If we do not catch men, we are in danger of losing even the desire to catch them.

There are lots of nets that will not catch any fish unless they are first washed and mended.

A man who truly follows Christ has more power in his silence than another has by his most eloquent words.

If Christ has called you, don't spend time looking over your shoulder to see who is coming after you.

Nothing that we give up to follow Christ, can be compared with what we gain.

Suggestive Questions

What other men were called of God while they were faithfully going about the humble duties of life? (Ex. 3:1; 1 Kings 19:19-21; Matt 9:9).

For what two purposes are we especially called to follow Jesus? (Matt. 11:28; John 12:26).

Who, as a fisher of men, made a special study of the traits and seasons of these fish, and how did he catch them? (1 Cor. 9:20-22).

As the result of Jesus' promise to Peter in Mk. 1:17, how many fish did Peter catch at one haul some months later? (Acts 2:4-41).

May we make our own lack of wisdom or tact an excuse for doing nothing toward winning others? (Psa. 32:8).

Is "repentance" still a part of the message we are to preach? (Lk. 24:47).

For what purpose is the power of speech given us? (Isa. 50:4).

Golden Text Illustration

"Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men" (Mark 1:17).

In a revival meeting a Christian, who had long been a church member, was one of several called upon to pray for the unsaved. "Oh, Lord!" he petitioned, "Put thy finger upon the unsaved." An inner voice immediately said to him: "You are my finger." He realized that he had never mentioned the name of Jesus even to unsaved men who were closely associated with Him. He had talked everything else but Christ and sal-

vation. It would be well, in case we have made no move to win a soul, to cut our prayers short and hasten as this man did, to do the thing which gratitude to Christ for our own salvation demands. Let the prayer be more definitely directed to God for showing us the way of approach and giving us the wisdom from His Word to deal with others.

Pinehurst Horse Show To Be Staged April 4 and 5th.

Preparations are now under way for Pinehurst's 10th annual horse show, which will be staged this year on April 4 and 5th. It will again be a social feature of the month, besides being one of the most interesting horse shows held in the South.

J. Garner West, of Garnersville, N. Y., together with Dr. J. F. Devine, of New York, two of the best nationally known judges in the United States, will judge saddle horses and hunters and jumpers, respectively, while Gen. A. J. Bowley, of Fort Bragg, will judge the military classes.

Fort Bragg's officers, led by Lieut. Colonel G. P. Hawes, are arranging an elaborate artillery exhibition. The show is one listed under the association of American Horse Shows, entries for which will close on March 23.

The Third World's Poultry Congress will be held at Ottawa, Canada, July 27 to August 4. Dr. B. F. Kaupp, and Prof. R. S. Dearstyne will represent the Poultry Department of State College at this meeting.

State of North Carolina, County of Moore.

Notice of Foreclosure Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust, executed by Willie M. Gaines and wife, Jeanne Gaines, on the 5th day of October, 1926, to J. Talbot Johnson, Trustee for the Pinehurst Finance Corporation, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and the powers of sale contained in said deed of trust having become operative, and the holder of the note, thereby secured, having made application to the undersigned Trustee requesting foreclosure of said deed of trust; the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, for cash, at the court house door, in Carthage, N. C., at the hour of Noon on the 14th day of April, 1927, the following described real estate:

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PLACE OF SALE: Court House Door, Carthage, N. C.

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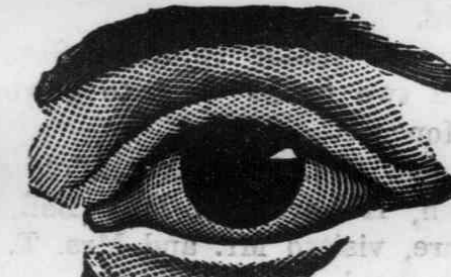
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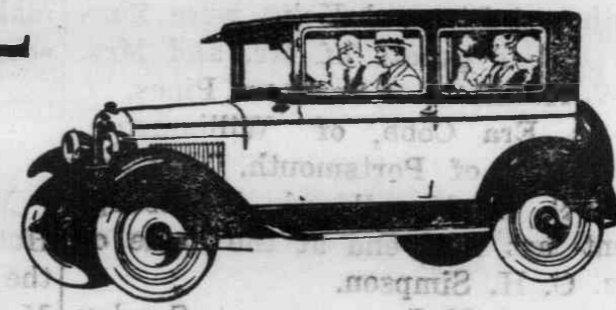
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