

Sunday School Lesson For August 24th

Nicodemus has often been presented as a coward. He has been called a night prowler who was ashamed of Jesus. Let us remember that an outspoken man with a pleasing voice and good argument always wins the popular voice but a man's quietness is mighty proof of his lack of courage.

The first recorded fact is that he came to Jesus by night. Is there any proof that he came out of fear? It is said that Joseph of Arimathea that he came to Jesus out of fear of the Jews but I cannot find where it is said that Nicodemus came at night simply because of his fear of the Jews.

Is it not true that Nicodemus was uncertain in his own mind as to the truth of the teachings of Jesus at this time? What thought would have been the wisdom of his making public an interview with Jesus? There are minds that reach wisdom slowly and the deepest convictions of life are reached by a series of pondering oftimes.

The second recorded fact is that he sought to defend Jesus before the Sanhedrin. What did Nicodemus say when the others were ready to condemn without a hearing? Why, said he, hath our law judge any man before it hear him? Is not that the course which any honest man would have taken? Was there any occasion for his declaring his personal relations? Are not relatives of an accused man barred from jury? Why, then, tell me if you can, was it not better for Nicodemus to keep quiet as to his own personal relations? There was no cause for his declaring himself as to the right and wrong of the procedure of the trial.

The last recorded fact is that he bought a hundred pounds of myrrh and Aloes and helped in preparing the Lord's body for burial. It is nowhere stated that he sought to make a public demonstration of that which he did but is this not the mark of a modest gentleman rather than that of a coward? It is true that we who live here in God's mountains have a way of doing things quietly. Has anyone the right to point the finger at us and say that we do as we do because we are cowards? Never!

To add to the argument the scriptural books tell us that Nicodemus supplied evidence in favor of Jesus at his trial before Pilate. He is said to have been deprived of his office and banished by hostile Jews. His remains were said to have been found in a common grave along with those of Gamaliel and Stephen. If such be true does not his history show that he was anything but a coward? While these are not accepted as part of the scriptures this record is in keeping with dependable history. In view of these things is it not better to say that he was an honest seeker after truth rather than a coward?

The great truth that Jesus taught was that "man must be born again." He taught that this was done when the Spirit willeth. Men are born anew in God's own time and way. God hath willed that faith should come by hearing and hence God honors preaching but the work is done by the Holy Spirit.

The interview closes with the glorious truth that whosoever believeth in Jesus shall not perish. Nothing uncertain about it. It is simply believe and be assured of salvation. How could Nicodemus get away from that fact? Reader, how can you?

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The Democrats of Cherokee County will convene in the court house in Murphy at 12:30 p. m., Monday, September 1, 1924, for the purpose of nominating candidates for representative and the various county offices.

The various voting precincts will meet at the voting places at 2 p. m. on Saturday, August 30th, and name delegates to the convention. This Aug. 15, 1924. C. B. HILL, Chairman Democratic Executive Committee. A. L. MARTIN, Secretary. (1-2t-ebb)

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Dr. Truett Speaks At Hayesville Thursday

Thursday at 11 o'clock, Dr. Truett preached an earnest sermon to his most intimate boyhood associates under the shade of the big trees just back of the court house at Hayesville. His theme was the life of Paul. Many were present from Murphy and from North Georgia to hear and speak with him.

Rev. W. W. Hyde, of the Hayesville church, steered the preliminaries. Attorney O. L. Anderson made an interesting talk on his boyhood associations as a school mate of Dr. Truett, paying tribute to his exemplary life even as a boy.

POSTELL

Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Allen spent Wednesday night with their daughter, Mrs. R. L. Peoples, at Ducktown, Tenn.

Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Young and little daughter were Murphy visitors Wednesday.

Mr. Felix Hill went to Murphy on Monday to attend the funeral of his mother.

Misses O'Brien and May Stiles of Gastonia spent Wednesday with Miss Ellen Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sait and Miss Nancy Brendle returned Sunday from a delightful visit at Bryson City.

Mr. and Mrs. Quines Allen and three children, Jack, Geraldine and Wendell, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Allen, Ellen Allen and little Belle Ailin Peoples, married to Murphy Tuesday to see Dr. George W. Truett preach.

Mrs. Milton Coleman and daughter, Miss Lola, of Gastonia, are visiting relatives and friends on Shoal Creek.

The little son of Mrs. Emily Adams is very ill at this writing. Mrs. Bell Swanson is still on the sick list. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Rev. Green Sparks, of Maryville, Tenn., was a guest of Mr. S. Y. Allen and family Saturday night.

Dr. G. M. Young made a business trip to Fanner Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Coleman, of Gastonia, were visiting relatives and friends on Shoal Creek the past week.

Mr. Pirley Eired and family, of Ducktown, visited Mr. John Mason and family Sunday night.

Mrs. Laura Stiles and little son, Claud, of Gastonia, were guests of Mrs. R. R. Allen Saturday.

Little Jack and Geraldine Allen, of Etowah, spent Saturday with their grandmother, Mrs. R. P. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stiles and children, of Gastonia, spent the weekend with Mrs. Lum Stiles and family.

Mrs. Laura Postell, of Sparks, Ga., visited her sister, Mrs. Cynthia Jones, last week.

Mr. Tom Hill, of Murphy, was in our midst Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Long, of Ducktown, were the guests of Mr. Polky Gibson and family Sunday.

Several of the Star Club attended the baptizing at Shoal Creek Sunday.

Miss Laura Hickey, of Suit, spent Thursday night with Mr. Jim Allen and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Burger and family, of Ducktown, visited Mr. and Mrs. Lum Hogged Sunday.

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County Officers Complimented By Grand Jury

The report of the grand jury, signed by Foreman George Lovingood, is quite complimentary to the county officers. All the offices in the county, the county jail and the county home were reported in good condition. The full report follows:

To his Honor, J. Bis Ray, Judge presiding: We, the grand jury, beg to submit the following report:

1st. We have transacted all the business that has come before us to the best of our ability.

2nd. We have examined the court house and found the same fairly well cared for.

3rd. We find the Clerk's office neat and well kept and all the records in good condition.

4th. We find the Register of Deeds office well cared for and his books well kept.

5th. We have examined the Sheriff's office and find it in good condition.

6th. We have examined the county jail and find it in good condition, except some beds need heavier mattresses.

7th. We have examined the county convict camp and recommend that they get army bed ticking and use straw as a filler.

8th. We have examined the county home and find the inmates as well cared for as may be expected, owing to the crowded condition, but find that this condition will be relieved within a few days, as the new building is nearing completion. The inmates stated that they were getting plenty to eat.

For Sheriff

To the Voters of Cherokee County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Cherokee County, subject to the Democratic primary.

If elected to this office I will serve you to the best of my ability, and your vote and influence in behalf of my candidacy will be greatly appreciated.

J. V. BARNETT

Murphy Captures Big End of Score From All Comers

The fast local baseball club has established an unusual record during the past ten days, either defeating or breaking even with all comers, some of which have been the strongest teams in this entire section.

Starting on the 13th, Murphy got the better of the fast Etowah, Tenn., team in a series of two games; on the 15th and 16th, the locals divided honors with their rivals from Copperhill; on the 18th the strong Easley, S. C., team went down in defeat; while on the 19th and 20th the locals divided honors with the brag team from Tate. Summaries of the games follow:

August 13th, Murphy vs. Etowah. Murphy, runs 10; hits 9; errors 3; batteries, Dorsey and Barnhart.

Etowah, runs 6; hits 9; errors 2; batteries, Wilson and Dunn. Second Game, Murphy, runs 13; hits 15; errors 4; batteries, Terrell and Barnhart.

Etowah, runs 5; hits 12; errors 3; batteries, Compton and Dunn. August 15th, Murphy vs. Copperhill.

Murphy, runs 11; hits 15; errors 3; Batteries, Whitcomb and Barnhart; home runs, Rice, White and McConnell.

Copperhill, runs 1; hits 8; errors 4; batteries, Patrick and Parr. Second game, Murphy, runs 3; hits 5; errors 4; batteries, Adam and Barnhart.

Copperhill, runs 1; hits 8; errors 3; batteries, Barron and Parr. August 18th, Murphy vs. Easley. Murphy, runs 8; hits 6; errors 3; batteries, Hasty and Barnhart; feature, pitching of Hasty, who struck out 12 and allowed only three hits.

Easley, runs 2; hits 3; errors 7; batteries, Patterson, Lawrence and Tatham. August 19th and 20th, Murphy vs. Tate, Ga.

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Murphy, runs 10; hits 15; errors 3; batteries, Terrell and Barnhart. Tate, runs 15; hits 14; errors 7; errors 1; batteries, Adams and Barnhart. Tate, runs 6; hits 12; errors 3; batteries, Butt and Henderson.

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