

Friends Of Jesus

HIGHLIGHTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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(The International Uniform Lesson on the above topic for April 7 is Mark 10:13, 14, 16; 15:43; Luke 6:12-16; 21:37; 13:1-2; John 1:35-51; 2:1; 2a; 4:6, 7; the Memory Verse being John 15:14, "Ye are my friends, if ye do the things which I command you.")

"THE FRIENDS of Jesus" is the subject of our lesson today. We think of Jesus as the Friend of all people; and rarely think of His friends. Yet He made friends—warm, loyal friends—all through His life on earth. The record of these friendships are told in the books written after His death by those who knew Him on earth. What a wonderful friend He must have been!

Children were His friends and He was theirs. Mark tells the story in his tenth chapter, how the women brought their children to Him to have Him touch them, much as we today like to have our children meet and shake hands with or be patted on the head by some noted man. The disciples were annoyed that their leader should have His time taken up with things that to them seemed unimportant. Jesus thought differently. He was "much displeased," and said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

"And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them." Do you not suppose these children talked about "this event" all the days of their lives?

Disciples Recognize Messiah.

The next episode which seems to follow logically is the recognition of Jesus as the Messiah, by Andrew and Simon Peter, and also by Philip and Nathaniel. John the Baptist, beholding Jesus walking, said aloud, "Behold the Lamb of God!" Two disciples heard him, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, saw them, and asked what they were seeking, and they asked Him where He lived. "Come and see," replied the Master, and they went with Him and "abode with him: for it was about the tenth hour." One was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother and said to him, "We have found the Messiah," and brought him to Jesus. When Jesus looked at Simon He said, "Thou art Simon the son of Jona; thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, a stone."

Next day Jesus found Philip in Galilee and said, "Follow Me." Philip found Nathaniel and told him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathaniel asked skeptically, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip said, "Come and see." Jesus perceived Nathaniel and the latter was convinced that here was the Savior.

In Luke, the sixth chapter, we are told of the choosing of Jesus' apostles: Simon Peter, his brother, Andrew, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, Matthew and Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zebedee, Judas, brother of James, and Judas Iscariot. These lived with Him, saw Him daily, shared their belongings with Him.

"And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary called Magdalen (but not the adulteress), out of whom went seven devils, and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto Him of their substance."

Mary, Martha And Lazarus.

Mary and Martha and Lazarus, at whose home Jesus spent many happy times, were among His close friends, although their names are not included in today's lesson.

Another friend was Nicodemus, a Pharisee and ruler of the Jews. He was a member of the Sanhedrin, and must have been much interested in this teacher, Jesus, of whom he had heard.

"The same came to Jesus by night," because being a prominent man, he probably did not at that time want to be associated with Him at least until he had proved himself whether or not he could accept Him. He was an educated man, a leader of his people, and he wanted to talk with the Deity who was said to be the Messiah.

Another person whose life was changed for the good by Jesus was the woman whom He met at Jericho, and the woman at Samaria, of whom He said a drink of water in the heat of the day. Out of the conversation Jesus had with her she went into the city and brought out the men of Samaria to hear Him and many believed.

"And at the end of Jesus' life on earth a friend came to save Him from being buried in a criminal's grave—Joseph of Arimathea, "an honorable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus." The permission was given and He was put into Joseph's private tomb.

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ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Alfred J. Benschter

Scripture—Mark 10:13, 14, 16; 15:43; Luke 6:12-16; 8:1-3; 15:1, 2; John 1:35-51; 2:1, 2a; 4:6, 7.



Andrew and Simon Peter heard John the Baptist proclaim Jesus the Lamb of God, and they went home to talk with Him for hours.



Jesus called His disciples unto Him and of them all He chose twelve whom He named to be His apostles and to live with Him.



A Pharisee, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, came to Jesus by night to learn of Him. He was a member of the Sanhedrin.



When Jesus was crucified, Joseph of Arimathea went to Pilate and asked for His body. MEMORY VERSE—John 15:14.

The Golden Text



Christ blessing little children.

"Ye are My friends, if ye do the things which I command you." John 15:14.

Revival Speaker



Rev. J. L. McCluney, of Henrietta, will begin a series of revival services at Carey's Chapel Baptist church Sunday morning to continue through the following Sunday, April 14. The pastor, Rev. A. W. Beard, and church are in extending an invitation to all to attend these services.

METHODIST CLASS HAS 167 PRESENT

The Methodist Men's Bible class of First Methodist church had a record attendance of 167 last Sunday and the class president, T. B. Rose, Jr., said the enthusiasm of the members in the attendance campaign indicates a still larger attendance next Sunday.

Attendance Committee Chairman James Beasley said there are still many Methodists and unaffiliated men who are not attending, and that if interested members would contact all those not attending and urge them to come out there would then be a group of men together on Sunday morning of which the class could well feel proud.

Barney Beasley said the contest with the Statesville class is coming along nicely, with Henderson still in the lead, but there are some weeks to go yet. All members, prospective members and visitors are urged to be present next Sunday.

METHODIST YOUTH MEET CANCELLED

Donald Gupton, president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship sub-district, announced today that the regular meeting of the group which had been scheduled for April 11, has been cancelled. He said the action was taken on account of several conflicts, and that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9.

Program At Huges Grove There will be a program at the Huges Grove Baptist church Sunday night at 7 o'clock, it was announced today. Sermon will be by Rev. Orlando Hicks and music by the Gospel Four and others.

Five Local Men Enlist In Army

Five Henderson men have recently enlisted in the regular army, according to an announcement today by Staff Sgt. Edward W. Chabot, U. S. Army recruiter. Their enlistment is subject to physical approval at Fort Bragg.

Noelwood J. Peppers, recently honorably discharged as a seaman after serving over two years in the navy, enlisted for 18 additional months service.

Carmel C. Lockemy has recruited for three years in the air forces, being honorably discharged last October 29 after serving 2 1/2 years in the army, with 25 months overseas. He was a radio operator on a B-17 bomber and was shot down and wounded over Linz, Austria. He was liberated by the Third Army after being held prisoner for over nine months.

Willie B. Marks reenlisted in the air corps for three years, being honorably discharged at Fort Story, Va., as an M. P. after serving over four years in the army, with 30 months overseas.

Joseph T. Fuller has enlisted in the army medical department for three years. He was recently discharged at Bainbridge, Md., after serving over two years in the navy. Paul Bullock, colored, has enlisted for two years, after just coming of age.

Scholastic Roll Listed At Aycock

The scholastic honor roll for the Charles B. Aycock school for the period just ended was announced today as follows:

Fifth grade—Patricia Abbott, Faye Hoyle, Dan Hoyle, Shelly Jean Robertson, Martha Lee Kittrell, Wilma Hoyle, Giss Faulkner, Shirley Buchanan, Shirley Hayes, and E. W. Ellis, Jr.

Second grade—Janet Newton and Eleanor Richards. Third grade—Josephine Allen, Shirley Abbott, Bessie Beal, Bettie Lou Hoyle, Joyce Faulkner, Joann Coghill, Gene Newton, Cogen Strum, Grady Staunback, Kermit Thompson.

Fourth grade—Rebecca Ann Lassiter, Maxine Faulkner, Elsie Mae Newman, Lou Rae Burgess. Fifth grade—Frances Ayscue. Sixth grade—Harold Finch, Kathleen Hayes, and Mildred Lassiter. Seventh grade—Mickey Ellington, Jennie Sue Lassiter, Christine Hicks. Eighth grade—Pete Burgess and Betty Jean Franklin.

Ninth grade—Helen Lassiter, Frances Abbott, Rose Hardy Faulkner, Virginia Ann Floyd, Nancy Vaughan, Billy Collins, Frances Thompson. Eleventh grade—Hubert Abbott.



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