

# TO CHURCH SOMEWHERE EVERY SUNDAY

## Sunday School Lesson

### Jesus Clashes With Authority

CHURCH ELDERS TRY TO TRAP HIM

Scripture—Mark 11:27-12:44.

**By NEWMAN CAMPBELL**

IN OUR modern world of clashing ideologies we can readily understand the religious and social turmoil in Jesus' day. The established church was striving to maintain the status quo; that is, keeping things as they were.

The people were conscious of a lack in both their religious and economic life. The church elders were afraid of any new movement because they who set themselves up as the last word in church authority, able to answer all questions, might lose their comfortable livings if too many questions were raised and changes were to take place in consequence.

The people were under the dominion of Rome, and they yearned for freedom—another source of restlessness and dissatisfaction. They were hoping for the promised Messiah who would lead them not only out of their subjection to the Romans, but give them new spiritual life.

Therefore when Jesus came with His message of love and clean moral living, the established churchmen hated and could hardly wait to put Him to death, while the "common people" loved Him dearly and followed Him gladly.

After the Master had driven the money changers from the

temple, the authorities of the temple were more anxious than ever to get rid of Him because of the changing of money and its associate activities were sanctioned by them and they profited by them.

So it was that they were set on trapping Jesus into some statement that would give them an excuse to have Him arrested, and once in their power, they knew for thought they knew) it would be the end of him. How wrong they were!

Now, Jesus had not taken any rabbinical training. He was not a priest, so they asked Him, "By what authority do ye these things?"

Jesus answered them by asking, "The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men?"

The rulers of the temple were now in a dilemma. If they said John was a prophet of God, they reasoned, Jesus would ask why they had not believed him; if they said "of men," they were afraid of public wrath because thousands believed John a true prophet and had been baptized by him.

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#### MEMORY VERSE

"God loveth a cheerful giver."—II Corinthians 9:7.

### Home Week To Be Observed

The First Baptist Church will observe Christian Home Week beginning Sunday morning and continuing through Sunday evening, May 13. All services on both Sundays will center in the Christian Home.

Monday evening at 7:15 the Sunday School officers and teachers will have their monthly meet-

ing in the social hall with a covered dish supper. The last installment of the series of films "Two Thousand Years Ago" will be shown. This final picture features the Synagogue during the days of our Lord. The program will be on the Christian Home and the Church.

Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock the mid-week worship service will be held in the main auditorium. This service will feature the child in the Christian Home. A short

film "And Forbid Them Not" will be shown.

Friday evening at 7:15 Family Night will be held in the social hall. Families of the church are invited to come and bring a covered dish of food. This will be a service of fellowship, fun, and inspiration. An excellent film in color "My Name Is Han" will be shown.

At the close of the Sunday morning worship, May 15, parents will dedicate their homes to Christ and sign a covenant card to regis-

### Panthers Creek Church Plans Bible School And Improvements

Preparations were made at a meeting at the Panthers Creek Baptist Church Tuesday night to hold the church's Bible school on the first Sunday in June.

Miss Daphne Boone, Haywood

Associational missionary is in charge.

These five girls were selected to help Miss Boone: Hazel Green, Ruth Bradley, Cora Lee Kirkpatrick, Joyce Clark and Fay Arrington.

The Rev. D. D. Russell, Church pastor, announced that preparations are being made to paint the church and beautify the grounds.

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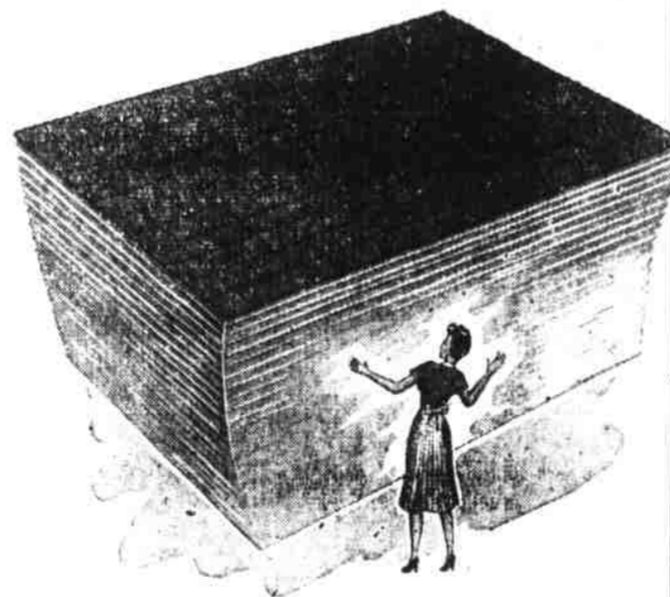
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Whitener Prevest, superintendent of Sunday School, Sunday School at 10:00 o'clock.

Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock. Sermon subject, "Behold Thy Mother."

Special music by the church choir under the direction of Mrs. J. L. Kilpatrick.

Pioneer and Youth Fellowship groups meet at 6:30 p. m.

### Beaverdam Baptist Church

The Rev. E. Vinson Plemmons, Pastor

All-Day service Mother's Day, May 8, with dinner on the ground. Everyone is invited to come and be with us.

### Crabtree Methodist Charge

The Rev. C. O. Newell, Pastor

The pastor will preach at the Crabtree Church Sunday morning on the theme of National Family Week.

The Rev. Mrs. C. O. Newell will preach at Mt. Zion.

The Sunday School at Davis Chapel will observe a special Mother's Day program.

Sunday is "Home for the Aged Day" and an offering will be taken in each church for our Home for the Aged in Charlotte.

Prayer services are held at Fincher's Chapel on Thursday evenings.

Last Sunday was a record breaker for the Sunday schools of the Crabtree Charge, with 187 attending.

### Free Methodist Chapel

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The Rev. Ruth Gruber and The Rev. Charlotte Bishop Co-Pastors

SUNDAY SERVICES—

Sunday School 10:00 A. M.

Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.

Evening evangelistic service 7:30 o'clock.

#### WEEKLY SERVICE—

Mid-week prayer and praise meeting, Thursday 7:30 P. M. (conducted by Rev. Mary Gladys Tubbs)

Fast-prayer meeting, Thursday 1:00 noon.

If you do not worship elsewhere, you will find a warm welcome at these regular weekly services at the Free Methodist Chapel.

"O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His Name together"—Psalm 34:3.

Thomas H. Connolly, umpire-in-chief of the American League, is a native of Manchester, England.

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