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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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FRIENDS AT BETHANY

LESSON TEXT—Mark 14:3-9; Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-3.
MEMORY SELECTION—Let us love one another: for love is of God.—I John 4:7.

Friendship comes to those who are friendly. That response of heart to heart, which opens up the deep wells of mutual devotion, is one of life's richest experiences.

There is too little true friendship in the world because men and women have not learned of the Lord Jesus what it means to be a real friend.

There are mutual privileges and correspondingly mutual responsibilities in friendship. There are sorrows to share as well as joys, and there are times when there must be the outpouring of sacrificial devotion.

"There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus, no, not one!" is not just the sentiment of a hymn writer. There is no friend like the Lord. He, therefore, merits our fullest devotion.

There are three incidents in our lesson, all of which took place in Bethany, the little village near Jerusalem where our Lord had found real friends. He went there to rest, to pray, and to find companionship. These incidents reveal that

I. Love Gives All in Sacrificial Devotion (Mark 14:3-9).
A rather shocking thing took place in the home of Simon. Jesus, his distinguished guest, was at dinner with the disciples, when a woman walked in unannounced and anointed his head with costly spikenard ointment. The disciples were surprised, and led by the betrayer, Judas, who had his hands on and in the money bags, they protested such awful waste.

Think of it—the value of this ointment was 300 pence, the equivalent (we are told) of 500 days of work. That means in our day it would be worth from three to five thousand dollars.

She should have stopped to think! Some lesser gift would have shown her love, and this rich gift could have been used for the poor!

Thus reasons the cool, calculating church member; but the believer with his heart full of love for the Master, gives without stint.

The Lord honored her gift, and accepted it as the anointing of his body for his coming death. He reminded them that they would always have the poor to care for, and he would soon be gone.

Love which never overflows in the abandonment of sacrifice for the one beloved is a cold and distant thing; in fact, one wonders if it really should be dignified by calling it love at all.

The Lord is looking for followers who are willing to give themselves freely and gladly for him, pouring out the lovely fragrance of a life fully yielded to him.

II. Love Shares the Fellowship of Joy (Luke 10:38-42).
The little home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus in Bethany was lighted up by that intangible but delightful glow which comes with a friend who honors one's home by his or her presence.

He had often been in this home. Here he found relaxation and comfort. Here he gave of himself in fellowship and blessing.

But there was a shadow over this visit. Martha, eager to have a good dinner, was "cumbered" in heart and soon became critical of Mary because she sat at Jesus' feet.

Do not assume that Mary had not done her share of the work. She had, but she "also sat at Jesus' feet." In other words, she knew when the time had come to quit fussing and to get some real fellowship out of the joy of having Jesus in the home.

We who love and serve the Lord need to watch lest we become so "cumbered with much serving" that we lose out spiritually. We can become so busy with church work, holding offices in religious organizations, yes, even with preaching and teaching, that we do not have time for personal fellowship with the Lord.

III. Love Bears the Burden of Sorrow (John 11:1-3).
The very home where joy was the portion one day, became the house of sickness, death and sorrow on another day. Life is like that—we may all expect that tragedy, sickness and trouble will come.

What then? Well, you will find that some of your professed friends will disappear. They are fair-weather companions. They have no taste for storms. Real friends will stand by, and what a treasure they prove to be!

But here again, the best friend of all is Jesus. When Lazarus was sick, "his sisters sent unto him." Send for Jesus in the hour of need! Oh, it is true that he did not come until Lazarus was dead, but he had a good reason for that, and in due time he came.

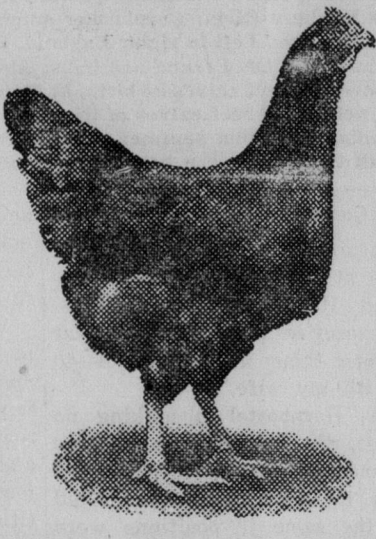


Better Market Fowl Needed by Farmers

Chicken of Tomorrow Must Have More Meat

While the development of meatier chickens has been remarkable in the past few years, there is still room for improvement.

In order to add at least 10 per cent more meat to the present-day



chicken, to secure a higher percentage of meat to bone structure, a hunt for the "Chicken of Tomorrow" is under way.

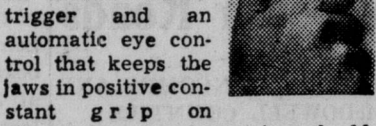
D. D. Slade, Lexington, Ky., poultryman, has been appointed chairman of a national committee which will supervise the distribution of \$8,000 in prizes to poultrymen who can improve their breed and strain, so as to produce the ideal market fowl. The contest is sponsored by the A & P Food Stores.

The contest will last for three years and provides for progress awards totaling \$3,000 with \$5,000 going to the poultryman who develops the ideal market fowl.

Improved Equipment Ratchet-Action Wrench

An automatic, adjustable ratchet-action wrench product of Hedstrom Industries, Chicago, has just been placed on the market.

The wrench adjusts itself automatically through an instant thumb-trigger and an automatic eye control that keeps the jaws in positive constant grip on square, hexagonal, metric and odd-sized nuts while the wrench handle is in manual operation.



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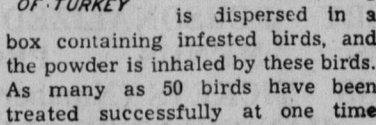
Pasture may be increased by staking the cow along the road or irrigation ditch. A wire cable may be used as shown, which has been fastened to two iron stakes. A block on the cable will keep the chain from winding and hold it away from the stakes.

Treating Poultry for Gapeworm Infestation

A safe and rapid treatment for removing gapeworms from chickens and turkeys has been developed by the U. S. bureau of animal industry.

The new treatment involves the use of the chemical, barium antimony tartrate as a dust. When breathed by infested chicks it causes dislodgment of the parasites.

The powdered drug is dispersed in a box containing infested birds, and the powder is inhaled by these birds. As many as 50 birds have been treated successfully at one time with one ounce of the chemical.



UNDERGROUND HERO . . . General Tadeusz Bor-Komorowski, Polish underground leader, who commanded the uprising in Warsaw in 1944, shown as he spoke at the 155th anniversary of Polish constitution, held at Chicago. General Bor, as he is usually called, addressed the colorful ceremonies at statue of General Kosciuszko, Revolutionary war hero, in Humboldt park.

Police Traffic Safety Check Now Under Way

Cooperating with local officials and the Chief of police Carl Smith, The McMurray Chevrolet Company announced today that car servicing facilities will be concentrated on correcting deficiencies discovered on local vehicles during the nationwide Police Traffic Safety scheduled to get under way at once.

The safety check, sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, last year was confined to checking automobile brakes. The program this year will extend to checking of lights, tires, windshield wipers and horns — necessitating increased service and repair work to effectively accomplish the objective of the campaign.

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Vaccination of calves, blood-testing of breeding cows, and proper feeding, sanitation, and management present a program that should largely do away with brucellosis.

The American oil tanker fleet now consists of 763 vessels.

The first steamship to cross the Atlantic was the Rising Sun, which made the voyage in 1818.

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