

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FINDING OURSELVES IN SERVICE

International Sunday School Lesson for April 10, 1938

Golden Text: "What doth it profit a man, to gain the whole world, and forfeit his life?"—Mark 8:26.

Lesson Text: Mark 8:27-37.

Six months before his crucifixion, Jesus led his disciples once again away from the crowd and, anxious to ascertain the fruit of his association with them, asked, as he walked along the roadside: "Who do men say that I am?" Peter, the impulsive leader of the group, made his great confession of faith, "Thou art the Christ."

"It was a divine revelation to Peter in a flash of intuition, which drew into itself the best thoughts, feelings and expressions of the past two years," says William A. Grist. "The lowly origin of the Carpenter, the familiarity of daily intercourse, the shocks of disapproval, the delay of hopes making the heart sick, the haughty repudiation of Jesus by the authorized teachers of Israel, and the ebbing tide of his popularity in Galilee, might have almost justified a fisherman's inability to decide this momentous question. But, in spite of all doubts and dreadful uncertainties, there was that in Simon's soul which leapt up in answer to the Master's word—wholeheartedness and a sudden sense of the greatness of the Reality in Jesus—impelled by this spirit, he trampled down all doubts, and burst out in enthusiastic confession of faith and loyalty."

Following Peter's outspoken recognition of his divinity, Jesus then began to explain to his disciples how it would be necessary for him to die, also prophesying his resurrection three days afterwards. This prophecy of so shameful a death was beyond the understanding of the disciples. Peter, again the impulsive spokesman, probably encouraged to speak by the recognition given his confession of faith, took Jesus aside and boldly rebuked him. Without realizing it, Peter was bringing back

to his master the same temptation presented by the devil during the forty days. Jesus proceeded to rebuke Peter, intimating that he was serving Satan in such advice and was un mindful of the things of God.

"The words of Jesus opened up a strange path," says Francis J. McConnell. "Peter was not ordinarily adverse to strange paths, but this was too strange. If George Washington had told the assembled army at Cambridge in 1775 that it was necessary for him to die on the gallows before the American cause could be won, the astonishment could hardly have been greater than when Jesus said that he must be crucified. Of course, I know that the situation of Washington was not at all parallel to that of Jesus, but I am speaking of ideals of leadership. The Jews thought of the Messiah as acting much like any national leader. It was strange, strange doctrine to hear that the Messiah must suffer, and the disciples were horrified by the Master's words. We may learn then from this scene at Caesarea Philippi that the instinctive revulsion against the new and strange may be of that part of our nature which fears the truth."

Following up his rebuke of Peter, Jesus told his disciples the demands of discipleship. He laid down the doctrine of self-denial, and following his example by bearing the cross. Then, the paradoxical observation that whosoever would save his life would lose it, whereas whosoever should lose his life "for my sake and the gospel's" would save it. Then, Jesus asked the question which has come down the various centuries, presenting for each individual person the most striking and important interrogation any will ever be called upon to answer: "For what doth it profit a man, to gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? For what should a man give in exchange for his life?"

"Men are very prone in these days to say it does not matter very much what views we hold about Jesus, as long as we accept his teaching and obey it," says J. D. Jones. "And they dismiss all attempts at defining the Person of Christ as metaphysical and theological subtleties which are

of no importance for daily life. That is not what Jesus himself thought. He attached the most tremendous importance to the account people gave of him: the whole future of the gospel depended in some vital way upon what men thought of him. He regarded the future of Christianity as bound up with a right understanding of his Person. If there is one thing the New Testament makes abundantly clear, it is this—that the Christian gospel is not a teaching merely or a philosophy merely, or a morality merely; it is, as Dr. Van Dyke says, the gospel of a Person. It centers not simply in what Jesus said, but in what he was and did."

BURGESS NEWS

Mrs. J. B. Bamight entertained a number of her friends at bridge on Tuesday afternoon at her home near here. The living room was tastefully decorated with spring flowers. Mrs. C. B. Parker was awarded high score prize. The guests included Mrs. J. G. Roberson, Mrs. C. E. White, Miss Virginia Umphlett, Mrs. C. B. Parker, Mrs. N. C. Spivey, Mrs. Dennis Godwin, Mrs. Tommie Matthews, and Mrs. Carl Godwin. The hostess served a delicious salad course.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Winston E. Lane a daughter, Annie Louise.

CUMBERLAND

Miss Agnes Hare, from near Edenton, spent a few days last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Roach.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hollowell and children visited Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Perry Sunday afternoon.

Miss Frankie Barber, of Winfall, spent Friday with Mrs. J. E. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Davenport, of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Sue Godwin, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Godwin, from near Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Barber and children and Johnny Simpson, of Winfall, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Godwin Sunday afternoon.

Misses Mary Elizabeth White and Celesta Godwin spent the week-end with Mrs. George Roach.

Mrs. Elsie Miller spent the week-end in Edenton with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Miller were guests of relatives in Rocky Hook during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Roach, Bill and Dorothy Roach and Miss Marion Sawyer visited Mr. and Mrs. Brady Hare, near Edenton, Sunday afternoon.

BERTHA CLARISSA WINSLOW By Her Grandmother

On March 2nd, 1938, at 9:45 a. m., the death angel bore the sweet spirit of Clarissa to the arms of her Savior. Surely the king of shadows loves a shining mark. She died in the Albemarle Hospital after an illness of 32 days. She was taken sick at school on Friday, returning home on the school bus that afternoon. She became violently ill—the doctor was called and she was taken to the hospital at 10 o'clock with an emergency case of appendicitis, was immediately operated on and stood the operation fine, but later on complications set in which resulted in her death. She was 16 years, 9 months and 21 days old. She was a beautiful example of patience, never complained about anything. She was a member of the Senior Class of the Perquimans County High School and would have graduated on May the 4th of this year. Her diploma had been ordered when she was taken ill. She had a severe case of measles in January and was back in school only one week to the very day of her illness. She was a sweet character and had a host of friends. Her mother died when she was only 8 weeks old and her grandparents on her father's side took her into their hearts and home. She was the joy and sunshine of the home for nearly 17 years. She was a devoted child and so tenderly and sweetly cared for her aged, invalid grandmother. Her grandfather was her playmate and he so keenly misses her caresses and her playfulness. A place is vacant in the home none other can fill—a voice we loved is so painfully still. She was the pet of the home. She was efficient and capable. She could prepare a meal good enough to satisfy any appetite. She enjoyed company and entertaining them. The home is so sad and lonely without her cheery presence.

"She's not dead—she's just away. With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand, She has wandered into an unknown land.

And left us dreaming how very fair It needs must be since she lingers there.

And you, oh you, who the wildest yearn For the old time step and the glad return.

Think of her faring on as dear In the love of there as in the love of here.

Think of her as the same, I say, She is not dead—She's just away."

"The stars go down to rise upon a fairer shore, And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown, They shine for ever more."

Clarissa was so young, so beautiful and sweet spirited, it seemed so hard for her to go, but God is so wise to make a mistake for Him to say,

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are my ways your ways saith the Lord."

In submission we must kiss the rod that smites us and say "Thy will, O God, be done and not ours." We know underneath us are the Everlasting arms and all things work together for good to those who are called according to His purpose. May her life be a beacon light to help others to live noble lives. She was a member of Friends Church, was devoted to her Sabbath School and Christian Endeavor Society. She was also a leading member of the Bright Jewels Missionary Society. She was active in Christian work, never, never refusing to do her part to the best of her ability.

Some happy day she will stand at the beautiful gate to welcome us home to that beautiful land where no pain, sorrow or death can enter to despoil what is fair. Some day we'll understand why her sweet life was taken so suddenly from us—until then we'll watch and wait—when we shall greet her in that beautiful White City above. We seem to hear her say, "I am so glad you have come" as she told her grandmother one day when she visited her in the hospital. Her preparation was made for Eternity as she testified during her illness. We know where to find her. Death cannot divide.

We fancy only a thin veil intervenes between us and our loved ones, they are still near us though unseen by our mortal eyes. Oft' times we feel their presence as they sweetly whisper endearing words in our ears.

Her funeral was held by ministers of the Friends at Up River Church on March 3rd, 1938.

The Senior Class girls of Perquimans High School were flower bearers. The floral offerings were numerous and most beautiful. "Some Day We'll Understand" was sung by her Sunday School Class, also a solo by Mr. Anderson, of Hertford, "Crossing the Bar." Services were concluded at the grave by her great uncle, J. Marvin Jolliff, of the Methodist N. C. Conference. As she was placed in her grave "Christian Goodnight" was sung.

On a hill side near her childhood home

Where the sun sets in radiance bright—

Where the rosy tinted afterglow lingers

And where the silvery stars peep out at night—

Twas there we layed sweet Clarissa down to sleep—

We know the zephyrs of Heaven will sweet music make

And the song birds will dally sing for her sake.

We leave her in her Father's care, Although we shall miss her every-where—

Sweet be your slumbers, Clarissa dear,

Some day we'll meet you in a brighter, happier sphere.

An owl killed and carried away a cat owned by Conrad Portmann, of headed a reunion of five generations of his family.



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Monday, April 11—

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Matinee Picture, 3:30. Bell Ringers, 4:45. Admission, 10c - 25c
Night Picture, 7:15 and 9:30. Bell Ringers, 9. Admission, 10c - 35c

Tuesday, April 12—

Low Ayres, Helen Mack and Alison Skipworth

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