

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT JESUS: HIS WORK OF SALVATION

International Sunday School Lesson for February 1, 1948

Golden Text: "The Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost." — Luke 19:10.

Lesson Text: Isaiah 53:4-6; Matthew 1:21; 5:17; 20:26-28; Hebrews 4:15-16

In the fifty-third chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah, we are given the most beautiful picture of the suffering Messiah in all of the Old Testament. The statements about him came true in the earthly life of Jesus of Nazareth. Given insight by the Holy Spirit, Isaiah wrote hundreds of years before the time of Christ. Whether or not the prophet himself understood the meanings of his own words, is difficult to say, but the Holy Spirit, working through the prophet, foreshadowed the things that should be suffered and accomplished by the Perfect Servant of God, the embodiment of Israel's splendid ideal, our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the days when Isaiah was writing the children of Israel were living in dark days, as individuals and as a race. The people longed for help and looked forward to a Messiah who would come to help them. People have felt this need of someone to turn to in times of trouble all through the centuries. It was real in the days of Isaiah and it is also true today. The answer has been given to us. Jesus came to bring relief. Isaiah declared, "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows."

Throughout the Old and the New Testament the purpose of Jesus' coming is revealed. Isaiah pointed to a saviour, who would be the sinbearer of the people. Matthew declares that the Angel who foretold the coming of the Savior to Mary, told her that she should bring forth a son and that he should be named Jesus, or Joshua, which means "One who saves". Luke declares, "The Son of man came to seek and to save that which is lost." John 3:16,17 declares the purpose of Jesus' coming into the world: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that, through him, the world might be saved."

Alexander MacColl, in A Working Theology, says "The fact of the atonement, the greatest of all facts, is that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself; to this sublime statement of the fact nothing need ever be added. Every theory of the fact, as to how God was in Christ, as to how reconciliation was effected, as to the relative value of his life, his words, his death, is, comparatively, of minor importance; the eternal destinies of a soul will never depend upon his grasping of an intellectual proposition, or his fathoming the relations of the infinite God and his Christ. Yet every theory helps which makes vivid even

to a single man the fact; when through it reconciliation with God in Christ becomes real and creative, every such theory has surely caught some fringe of the garment of Christ. Jesus himself explains why he came into the world. "I came that they

might have life, and might have it more abundantly." "I came to seek and to save that which was lost." Again, "I came not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." "I came not to destroy men's lives, but to save them." "I am not come to call the righteous, but sin-

ners to repentance." "I came not to send peace, but a sword." "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." "For this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth." "The Gospel of John begins with

the statement, "In him was life; and the life was the light of men." It ends with the announcement, "These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." The greatest (Concluded on Page Two)

HE SHALL CALL UPON ME AND I WILL ANSWER HIM

Southwestern Church Page Service



## MORNING PRAYER

I thank Thee, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray Thee that Thou wouldst keep me this day also, from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please Thee. For into Thy hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things, for life and for death, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## EVENING PRAYER

I thank Thee, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou has graciously kept me this day; and I pray Thee that Thou wouldst forgive me wherever I have done wrong in word or deed, and graciously keep me this night. For into Thy hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things, for life and for death, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## Perquimans Church Services

**HERTFORD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
C. W. Duling, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Evening Worship, 7:30 o'clock.  
Mid-week Services, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

**HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH**  
D. L. Fouts, Pastor  
Church School, 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Youth Fellowship, 6:45 P. M.  
Evening Worship, 7:30 o'clock.  
Mid-week Fellowship, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.  
Choir rehearsal Saturday, 8:00 P.M.

**BAGLEY SWAMP PILGRIM**  
Coy S. Saunders, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Young People's Meeting, 6:00 P. M.  
Evening Worship, 7:00 o'clock.  
Mid-week Services, Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

**BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
W. H. Marler, Pastor  
Church services first and third Sundays at 3:00 P. M.  
Christian Union, 7:30 P. M.

**BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Church services first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.  
Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.  
Burgess and Bethlehem Churches hold Christian Union together on second and fourth Sundays.

**PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES**  
E. B. Edwards, Pastor  
First Sunday:  
New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Oak Grove Church, 3:00 P. M.  
Second Sunday  
Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Cedar Grove Church, 3:00 P. M.  
Woodland Church, 7:00 P. M.  
Third Sunday  
Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.  
New Hope Church, 7:00 P. M.  
Fourth Sunday  
Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Woodland Church, 3:00 P. M.  
Winfall Church, 7:30 P. M.  
Fifth Sunday  
Woodland Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at Winfall Church at 7:30 P. M.

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**  
E. T. Jilson, Rector  
Holy Communion, 9:00 A. M.  
Every Sunday except first Sunday at 9:00 A. M.  
Church School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11:00 o'clock.  
Holy Communion first Sunday at 11 A. M.

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