

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

JESUS AND HIS MINISTRY

International Sunday School Lesson
For June 10th, 1951.

Memory Selection: "For the Son of man also came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."—Mark 10: 45

Lesson Text: Luke 4: 14-22;
19: 10; Mark 10: 45; John 3: 16

By this time in His ministry, Jesus had been baptized by John the Baptist; had suffered His temptations; had chosen the first of His disciples; performed His first miracle; talked with the woman of Samaria and with Nicodemus; and healed the nobleman's son. After all this, he had returned to His home town of Nazareth and, as his custom was, He went into the Synagogue on the Sabbath day and "stood up for to read."

Instead of reading the assigned Scripture lesson for the day, He chose his own reading, from the Book of Isaiah the prophet and, unlike other readers in the Synagogue, He interpreted the Scriptures for his listeners, declaring that the prophecy he had read to them was that day fulfilled to Him.

The passage from Isaiah 61: 1, 2, which Jesus read, outlined to his listeners, and to us, His mission in coming into the world. One might well ponder some of the phrases: "preach good tidings to the poor," "release for the captives and recovering of sight to the blind," "to set at liberty them are bruised," and "to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Some people today insist that Jesus was a great prophet, a great teacher and a great influence on the world. Others think of Him as just a man, with great and unusual spiritual powers, a sort of religious idealist or dreamer. However, Jesus, himself, outlined his mission in coming into the world: He was appointed by God, or sent by Him, into the world, to preach the good tidings to the poor (religion in His day was reserved for the wealthy). He was to proclaim release to all captives (not political prisoners, but those in the chains of sin and error). He was to be a healer (not only of the physical body but also of the soul). He would give sight to the blind (the physically, morally and spiritually blind). He was to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, which mean the day of opportunity for all Jews to hear and accept the Messiah, the year of God's judgment.

In Luke 19: 10, Jesus declared that his mission was also "to seek and to save that which was lost." Jesus talked much about the lost. He spoke of the lost coin, the lost sheep, the lost son and the lost soul. It is significant, and somewhat startling, to realize that Jesus spent much, if not most, of his time ministering to those outside the established Synagogue (church) of his day—the lowly, the despised, the moral outcast. The "church people" of Jesus' day were outraged when they saw Him eating with sinners, being friendly with those in the neglected groups of society—the poor fishermen, the despised tax-gatherers and the Magdalene's of his day. Is this a warning to the sanctimonious church-member today? To whom does the average church minister? It leaves a great deal of its "ministering" to the Salvation Army, the gospel missions and the like. Are there "untouchables" in our society today?

Jesus came to serve, to minister to, to any who needed him, to take upon himself the form of a servant. He demands that His disciples do likewise. After all, the only way we can serve Him is through helpful service to our fellowmen, wherever and wherever they may be.

John, in his gospel, opens for us the heart of God and lets us discover why Jesus was sent into the world. In John 3, 16, which has been called "the Little Gospel," we read: "God so loved this poor, sinful world, that in order to save it from destruction through His own sinful ways, He sent His only Beloved Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life?" Do you believe?

GO TO SOME
CHURCH
NEXT SUNDAY
BE A BETTER
CITIZEN!

WON'T YOU BE ON THEIR SIDE?

It's fine to have someone "on your side."

Here was Tommy, for instance. He had waked up early this morning and had dressed all by himself. This was the first day of Daily Vacation Bible School, and all his favorite playmates would be there.

And then he had heard his mother say he couldn't go, that she was too busy to stop her work and take him to the church. He was just about to burst into tears when his sister asked if she might walk with him to the church.

Because of his sister, Tommy was able to go, but in thousands of other cases such as this, the story is not ending as happily.

Won't you make a definite effort to help your children, and your neighbor's children, receive religious training? Take them to the church, where the sure standards of Christian living are taught. Won't you take them? Won't you be "on their side?"

THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Luke	15	1-10
Monday	Psalm	1	1-4
Tuesday	Matthew	6	1-15
Wednesday	Lamentations	3	22-27
Thursday	I John	3	13-18
Friday	Isaiah	53	6-13
Saturday	Matthew	7	15-27

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Church services first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.
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Church service 7:45 P. M. second and fourth Sundays.

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J. S. Craffin, Paston

First Sunday:
New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M.
Oak Grove Church, 7:30 P. M.

Second Sunday
Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.
Cedar Grove Church, 10 A. M.
Woodland Church, 7:30 P. M.

Third Sunday
Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
New Hope Church, 7:30 P. M.

Fourth Sunday
Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
Woodland Church, 10 A. 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.

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Church services, 3:00 P. M. on second and fourth Sundays.

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Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.
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2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays
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Third Sunday

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Church Service 3 P. M. every first Sunday.
Sunday School at 11 A. M. every second, third and fourth Sunday.

Go To Church Your Church Any Church But Go