Sunday School Lesson

LESSON II
PAUL PREACHES THE RISEN CHRIST (Easter Lesson)
Acts 13; I Corinthians 15.
Printed Text—Acts 13:16, 23-31, 38, 39; I Cor. 15:19-22.

Golden Text—But now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of them that are asleep. I Cor. 15:20.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time.—St. Paul began his first missionary journey during the summer of A.D. 47. He wrote the First Epistle to the Corinthians from Ephesus about A.D. 56.

Place.—The apostles set forth on their first journey from Antioch to Syria; they spent considerable time on the island of Cyprus, Paul's first recorded sermon was delivered in the synagogue of Antioch, the city of Corinth, to which the First Epistle to the Corinthians was addressed, was located in central Greece.

We come in this chapter to one of the epochal periods in the history of the Christian church, the beginning of Paul's great missionary journeys, by which the gospel was carried to the uttermost parts of the Mediterranean world.

Not long before this, the Lord told Ananias that Paul would stand before kings. This promise is now fulfilled, and the first-fruits begin to be harvested. Wherever the gospel has gone, there has been victory over every evil power, and the emancipation of men from the chains and bondage of superstition and sin.

Paul At Antioch

Acts 13:14-43. From Paphos Paul set sail for the coast of Asia Minor, and, landing at Perga in Pamphylia, he and Barnabas went the province of Pisidia, where were the province of Pisidia, wher were living a considerable number of Jews, sufficient to require the building of a synagogue. To this synagogue on the Sabbath day Paul and those who were with him repaired; before the service was over this city had heard a great sermon from the greatest preacher of the first century concerning a subject about which probably none of them had ever heard before, the gospel of Jesus Christ.

16. And Paul stood up, and beckoning with the hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, hearken.

23. Of this man's seed God according to promise brought unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus. That God would raise up One from the line of David to be a Savior, all the Old Testament testified. What Paul is about to tell them, however, is not only that their Scriptures promised that such a person would come, but that he had come, in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, born and crucified in their very generation.

24. When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. 25. And as John was fulfilling his course, he said, What suppose ye that I am? I am not be. But behold, there cometh one after me the shoes of whose feet I am not worthy to unloose. 26. Brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and those among you that fear God, to us is the word of this salvation sent forth.

27. For they that dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. 28. And though they found no cause of death in him, yet asked they of Pilate that he should be slain. 29. And when they had fulfilled all things that were written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb.

30. But God raised him from the dead. Here was the most astonishing statement that could have possibly fallen upon the ears of these people. Paul says that God, his God and their God, had raised this man from the dead, a double miracle, a miracle in nature and a miracle in divine government. He goes on to present further evidence to prove this astonishing fact that he has just announced. First, he declares that this person raised from the dead was actually seen, and that some ho had seen the Lord were still living in Palestine and witnessing to this fact. 31. And he was seen for many days of them that came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses unto the people.

38. Be it known unto you therefore, brethren, that through this man is proclaimed unto you remission of sins: 39. and by him every one that believeth is justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. The most important part of his first recorded sermon Paul lays stress on his favorite doctrine of justification, or the declared acquittal from the guilt of sin, a thing not obtained through the Mosaic law, but only through the death and rising again of Christ, and through it sinners trust on his saving work.

Heart Of Christian Message

In this glorious chapter in First Corinthians "we find the central, classic passage dealing with the subject of resurrection in the New Testament.

After proving the historic reality of Christ's physical resurrection Paul proceeds to emphasize the tremendous importance of such a fact. If a man does not believe in the resurrection of Christ, he does not have the Christian message; he does not have anything to preach of any value; and he most certainly cannot talk about salvation in Jesus Christ. Christ's resurrection is, among other things, an indisputable testimony to God's full acceptance of Christ's work for us on the cross.

19. If we have only hoped in Christ in this life, we are of all men most pitiable. 20. But now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of them that are asleep. 21. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Paul proceeds from a discussion of Christ's resurrection as a historic fact to an application of the fact to our own lives. On the one hand, Christ's resurrection is a guaranty of ours: he is the first-fruits; we shall follow.

On the other hand, Paul says that this truth, instead of giving us an excuse for carelessnss in our daily life, should prove a tremendous incentive to holy living here, now, daily.

He Is Risen

Lamb's The Meat At Easter Time

Has Long Been Associated With The Festivities Of The Spring Season.

Lamb is a meat that has long been associated with the Easter season. Early in the history of the world, lamb was used in religious ceremonies, the Israelites, during their captivity in Egypt, keeping up their old practice as a pastoral people of sacrificing the firstlings of their flocks in the spring.

Among the Anglo-Saxons, Norsemen and other Teutonic races, the feast of Eostre of Ostara, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring, was celebrated in April, which was named Eosturmonath, or Easter month, when young lambs were principal items at all the feasts. With the coming of Christianity, and the celebration of the Christian Easter, the traditional use of lamb still persisted, and so on to the present day.

Canadian Lamb At Best

More Canadian farmers are specializing in the raising and fattening of lambs for the Easter market. Many thousands of western range lambs were placed in feedlots both in Eastern and Western Canada last fall. After several months of feeding on the best of alfalfa, silage, roots and home grown grains, these lambs are now ready for slaughter and are being marketed from week to week. The quality of the product is at its best. Lamb will therefore be in season at Easter time; in fact, Canadian lamb of quality is available throughout the entire year.

Pasture Care Not Expensive

Pasture experiments during the last decade or so have demonstrated very strikingly the improvements that can be secured in yield and quality of pasture herbage and that these can be secured in yield and quality of pasture herbage and that these can be secured very economically. Experiments conducted at the Fredericton Experimental Station, states T. C. Chiasson, agricultural assistant, have shown how pasture yields can be increased by the use of commerciel fertilizer.

A pasture field receiving a complete fertilizer since 1928, has given an average yield, for the last three years, of 7,277 pounds dry matter per acre, compared with a yield of 3,303 pounds dry matter per acre for a field that had no fertilizer since 1923. This was an increase of 3,974 pounds of dry matter costing $3.61 or $1.82 per ton. Therefore there does not seem to be any doubt that fertilizing will increase yields economically.

The herbage on the fertilized pasture was also much more valuable as it was made up largely of nutritious grasses and clovers, while the herbage on the unfertilized pasture was composed largely of unpalatable grasses and weeds.

Eggs For Easter An Old Tradition

The origin of the Easter egg tradition is lost in antiquity but year after year the delightful practice of adorning the breakfast table with eggs on Easter Sunday morning continues. It matters not that the first fresh eggs no longer come with Easter, the beginning of Spring. The modern model of the humble hen may, and usually does, produce her excellent product the year round. Easter is still associated with eggs, with the hen scratching in the warming earth, newly aware of her destiny.

Eggs, in the Easter tradition, are always boiled in the shell. For children, of course, they must be colored, with one of an infinite variety of home or commercial preparations. No parents, treasuring childhood memories of bowls of multi-colored eggs on Easter morning, would deny a similar pleasure to their children.

For children, pullet eggs, if they are available, will prove an added attraction, their small size lending a youthful touch and having the further practical advantage of enabling Junior to dispose of a greater number. These small eggs are sold under the designation of Grade A Pullet.

Look For Beef Prices To Rise

Possibility of an increase in the price of beef after April 1 is seen by E. J. Smith, president of the Whyte Packing Company, Stratford, Ontario, although Mr. Smith stated that he did not anticipate a very large increase, says the Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Farmers are holding back their cattle until that date when the present tariff of three cents on cattle exported to the United States is reduced to two cents. This will mean a considerable additional return to farmers and as feed is cheap and plentiful they are holding on to their stock.

The Canadian market does not seem to be able to absorb heavy beef cattle, Mr. Smith said. When exports are resumed under the new quota heavy shipments to the United States are anticipated. The Toronto market at present is dull.

There is no intimation that hog prices will be any higher in the near future, Mr. Smith said. Prices are remaining firm, but the wholesale price is below value right now. The prices are running a little below last year's level.

$1,175,000 Daily For Airplanes

Great Britain is spending $1,750,000 daily on the production of military aircraft, Sir Kingsley Wood, Secretary for Air, announced in the House of Commons last week.

By the end of March Britain will have 1,750 first-line 'planes and an undisclosed number as reserve equipment. She also has at present 500 first-line machines overseas. Sir Kingsley was confident first-line strength would be 2,370 'planes a year hence.

The BOOK SHELF

By ELIZABETH EEDY

"CANADIAN MOSAIC"
By John Murray Gibbon

Royal appreciation of the book "Canadian Mosaic," a recently published study of Canadian racial origins, by John Murray Gibbon, has been expressed to the author through Alan Lascelles, assistant private secretary to King George VI, who writes from Buckingham Palace by Royal Command. The following quotation from the letter is authorized for publication:

"In view of His Majesty's forthcoming visit to Canada, he is greatly interested by this study of the racial origins of the Canadian people."

"Canadian Mosaic" by John Murray Gibbon . . . Toronto: McClelland & Stewart.

Production of military 'planes in Canada will start next year, the Minister said adding:

"Here we have the beginning of a great development and what may prove to be a valuable supplement to our production."

Post Office detectives in London are trying to trap a gang stealing receivers from telephone booths, and are puzzled because they say the instruments are useless for any other purpose.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson

MAN'S factories and chemical laboratories are but playthings, compared to the marvelous manufacturing processes carried on inside the cells of common, ordinary plants. From simple foods taken into the plant, hundreds of amazing products are made through the magic of sunlight.

NEXT: What stones did Japan and the U. S. exchange as a gesture of good will?

Airplane Inventor

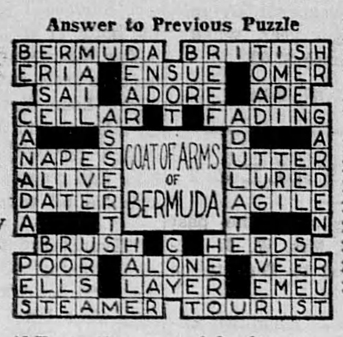
HORIZONTAL

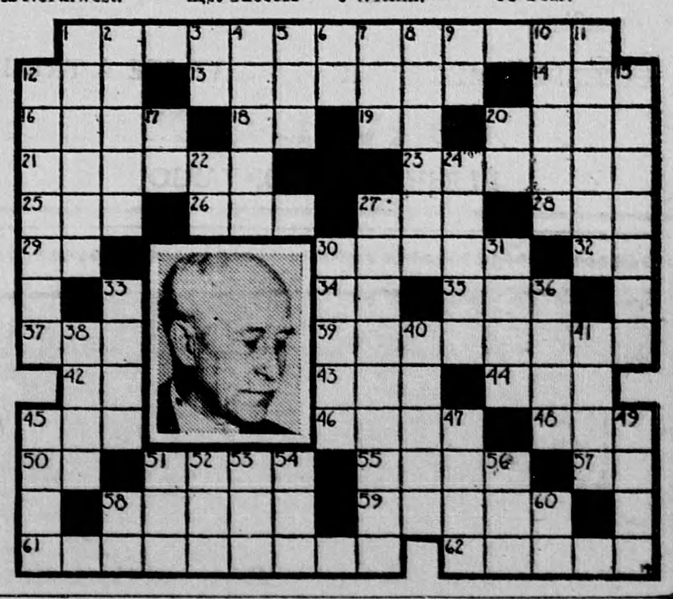
1 Man who was the co-pilot of the first airplane flight.
12 Monkey.
13 Price of instruction.
14 Eye.
16 Money factory
18 Musical note.
19 Chaos.
20 Verbal.
21 Whole.
23 Tiresome speech.
25 Thing.
26 To total.
27 Writing tool.
28 Meadow.
29 Exists.
30 Prices.
32 Railroad.
34 Bone.
35 Aurora.
37 Turkish commander.
39 This flight —— the world.
42 Northwest.
43 To scatter.
44 To drink slowly.
45 Sturdy tree.
46 In a row.
48 Peak.
50 Transposed.
51 Makes lace.
55 Part of eye.
57 Therefore.
58 Parrot fish.
59 Reverse of an inlay.
61 He is the —— of the first successful plane.
62 Filthy.

VERTICAL

1 Deems.
2 Leases.
3 Neuter pronoun.
4 Enticed.
5 Falsehood.
6 And.
7 To be victorious.
8 Long automobile roads.
9 Within.
10 Hourly.
11 Merchant.
12 His native land.
15 Dimmed as eyes.
17 Note in scale.
20 Either.
22 Sun god.
24 To bury.
27 Back.
30 Rib.
31 Drunkards.
33 Scene of the pioneer flight, Kitty ——
36 To slash.
38 To growl.
40 To decorate.
41 Series of epochal events
45 Auditory.
47 Savage.
49 Small horse.
51 Greek letter.
52 Blackbird.
53 Sesame.
54 Sorrowful.
56 Capuchin monkey.
58 Pound.
60 Year.

Answer to Previous Puzzle





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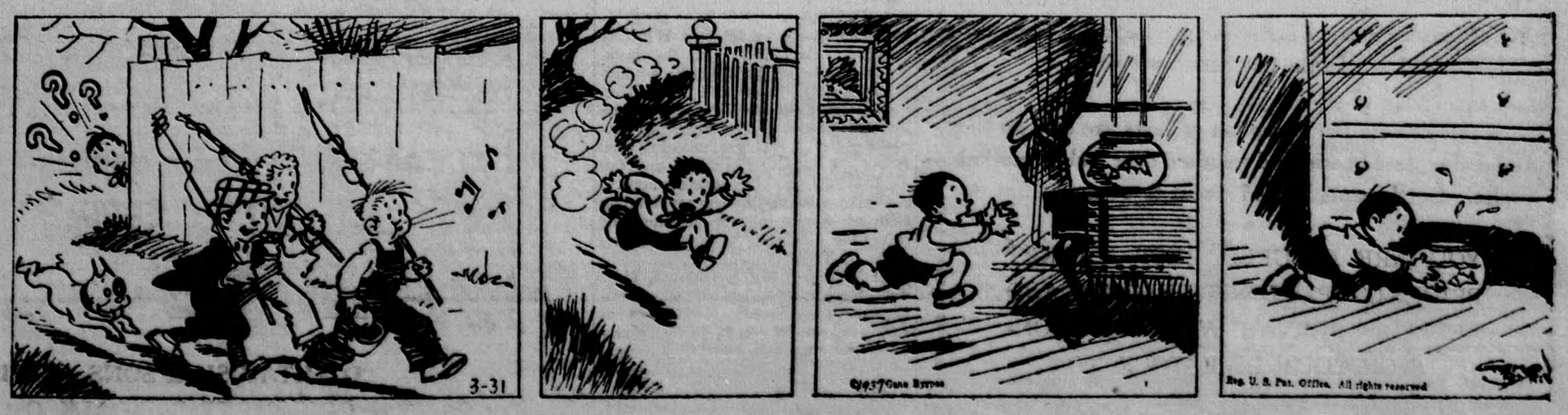
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