Sunday School Lesson . .

LESSON 1
THE CHRISTIAN'S CONFESSION OF FAITH—Matthew 16: 13-28

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GOLDEN TEXT—Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. Matt. 16:16.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time.—Autumn, A.D. 29, in the third period of the Galilean ministry.

Place.—At or near Caesarea Philippi, in the northern part of Galilee, in the southern foot-hills of Mount Hermon.

For two and one-half years Christ and his disciples have lived and walked and prayed and talked together. The cross is only six months away. This was one of the most critical hours in all our Lord's life, since, if this group of disciples now failed to realize his deity and Messiahship, there was no time to attempt to bring such a conviction to another group.

13. Now when Jesus came into the part of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Who do men say that the Son of man is? 14. And they said, Some say John the Baptist; some Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. In their answer to his first question is given their indication of how greatly the generality of the people respected the Master. They had only good to say of him. 15. He saith unto them, But who say ye that I am? 16. And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. The word "Christ" is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word "Messiah" which means "anointed."

Founding of the Church

17. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jonah: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father who is in heaven. There was no sudden revelation granted to Peter. The revelation was made possible by Peter's ever deepening knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. All the facts of Christ's life are available for men, but not all men recognize him as Christ. 18. And I also say unto thee, that thou art Peter. This is the name which the Lord Jesus gave to Simon, son of Jonah, at the very beginning of Peter's companionship with the Lord. And upon this rock I will build my church. This one of the most disputed, discussed passages of the New Testament. Here we have the first mention of the church in the word of God. Is this not the correct interpretation? Is it not that Christ is the chief cornerstone of the church, that believers are built up a spiritual house, resting as they do on him who is the cornerstone. Peter himself is a stone in this heavenly structure. And the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. The correct interpretation of this may be that the gates of Hades shall not swallow up the church.

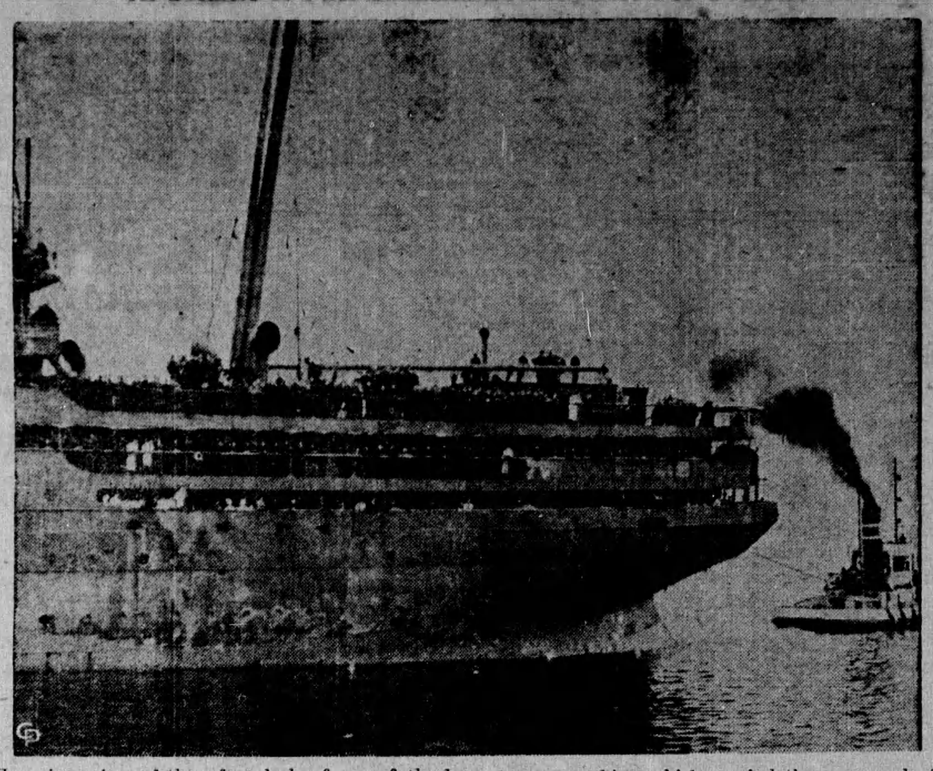
"Tell No Man"

19. I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. The conditions of salvation are divinely stipulated—the conditions that we must become living stones and members of the new spiritual race. 20. Then charged he the disciples that they should tell no man that he was the Christ. Until the disciples' own views of his Messianic work were greatly corrected, any statement by them that he was the Messiah would do more harm than good. It would have brought Jesus prematurely into open antagonism to the Jewish rulers. 21. From that time began Jesus to show unto his disciples, that he must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised up. 22. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord; this shall never be unto thee. These words were said to Christ out of love for him, but as the apostle Paul reminds us, love can often be at fault unless it is united with wisdom.

How To Be True Disciples

23. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan; thou art a stumbling-block unto me: for thou mindest not the things of God, but the things of men. Peter was here a trap set to catch Jesus. Christ now informs the disciples that they too, if they are to be followers of his, must live a life of self-denial, and probably a life marked by suffering. 24. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man would come after me, Let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

As Soldiers of First Canadian Division Left For Overseas



Here is a view of the after deck of one of the huge transport ships which carried the vanguard of Canada's new army overseas. The picture was taken just as the ship was leaving Canadian shores.

FARM... COLUMN

PRODUCE FINE BACON

The national hog policy of the Dominion Department of Agriculture which has been in operation for several years is now of particular value. In assisting Canadian farmers in obtaining bacon-type foundation stock, the Department offers the services of its officials throughout the country at specified points in the selection and shipping of gilts of good bacon type, either in individual or group shipments.

During the past few years the improvement effected in market hogs in districts receiving shipments of bacon type gilts with assistance under the Brood Sow Policy, of the Department, has been impressive, and indicates that good female stock of the right type is the foundation upon which to build a permanent bacon hog industry. The use of good sires which usually accompanies the ownership of good sows assures a supply of suitable breeding gilts and of market hogs yielding carcasses suitable for both export and domestic demand.

MUST WORK TOGETHER

Urging the need for organization and spending a lot more time today in thinking of ways to market produce, V. S. Millburn, Peterboro, secretary of the Dairy Farmers' Association in a recent address to Prince Edward County Milk Producers' Association asked: "Whose fault is it that conditions for the farmer are so bad? Is it the Government's, or the manufacturer's? No. It's our fault — yours and mine — and it is our job to find out what to do about it."

"We need legislation to level production out," he said, "but we can't get it until we get down to work and organize, talk, think and work at our plan till we can speak with one voice and the people will know what we want and will support it."

Blackouts Takes Increased Toll

The blackout continues to exact a death toll on Britain's roads. The Ministry of Transport has announced th highway fata n Novembe totalled 9 increase of 513 o November, 1938 Of the cidents responsible for the deaths, 674 occurred during the blackout.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson

AS is the case with the animals of today, the prehistoric animals all bear scientific names that are descriptive of themselves. The name of the gigantic, lumbering Brontosaurus means "Thunder Lizard." The carnivorous Tyrannosaurus is translated as "Tyrant Lizard," while the creature known as Monoclonius, or "Single Horn," had, as its name suggests, a single spike on its head.

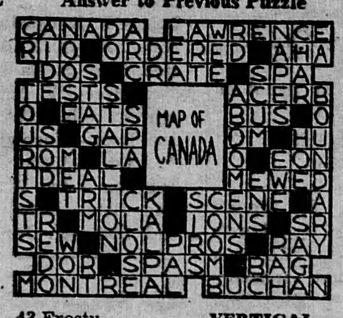
NEXT: Are there any icebergs in the northern Pacific ocean?

SONG WRITER

HORIZONTAL

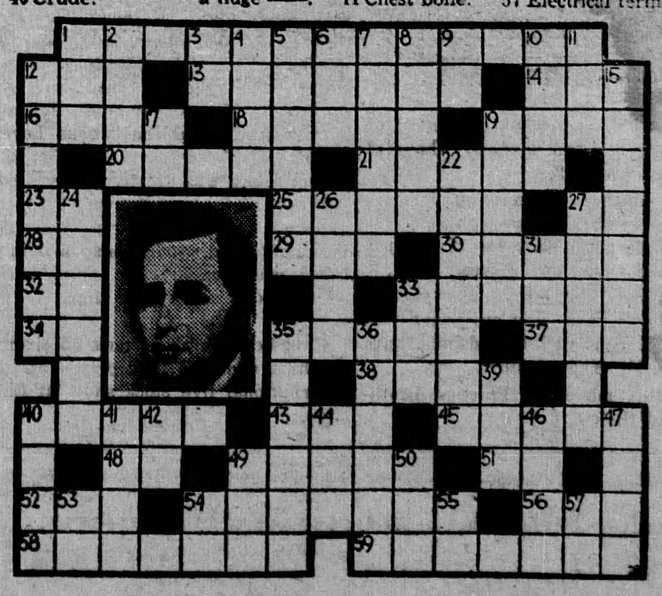
1 Pictured composer of "Swanee River."
12 Billiard rod.
13 To liberate.
14 Point.
16 To jump.
18 Encounters.
19 Tramp.
20 Sound reasoning.
21 Mortise tooth.
23 Spanish.
25 To seesaw.
27 Musical note.
28 South Africa.
29 Measure.
30 One who gapes.
32 Neuter pronoun.
33 Ability.
34 Court.
35 Valuable property.
37 Some.
38 To abound.
40 Crude.
43 Frosty.
45 Small depressions.
48 To accomplish.
49 Soap substitute.
51 Nay.
52 Kimono sash.
54 Chaplets.
56 Beverage.
58 This —— musician played at 2 years.
59 His songs were a huge ——.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



VERTICAL

1 To court.
2 Wild duck.
3 Pair.
4 Half (prefix).
5 Chooses by ballot.
6 Born.
7 To grow plump.
8 People of Caucasus.
9 Southeast.
10 Stiff collar.
11 Chest bone.
12 His tunes are —— folk songs.
15 He died in ——.
17 Italian river.
19 Hourly.
22 Nullified.
24 To jabber.
26 Snaky fish.
27 Substance to curdle milk.
31 Tiny vegetable
33 Golf device.
35 Beast.
36 Fashions.
39 Males.
40 Plant group.
41 Entrance.
42 Therefore.
44 Fish.
46 Short letter.
47 Oceans.
49 Data.
50 Mooley apple.
53 The soul.
54 Measure of area.
55 South Carolina.
57 Electrical term



As Nazi Sailors Abandoned Scuttled Liner "Columbus"

In this dramatic picture, sailors of the German luxury liner Columbus are shown going over the side of the blazing liner into waiting lifeboats after her captain ordered her scuttled rather than let the craft fall into the hands of the Royal Navy.

RADIO NOTES AND NEWS

By MADGE ARCHER

"ON PARADE"

His Majesty's Canadian Grenadier Guards' Band is winning an even greater radio following since its new program, "On Parade", began over the Canadian network on Thursday evenings at 8:30 p.m., EST. "On Parade" is something quite novel in the Dominion radio set-up. It is primarily a combination of military music and popular songs. In tune with the times it also embodies a quizz feature. A listener, chosen by lot from among names sent in weekly from all over the country, is asked by long distance telephone to solve the Mystery Tune of the Week. If he guesses correctly he gets a valuable prize.

Change in Programs

Biggest news concerning American programs is still the radical change in connection with the Chase and Sanborn Hour and "One Man's Family." Starting on January 7th, the Bergen-McCarthy show goes on a half-hour schedule from 8:00 to 8:30 p.m., EST., the other half of the former hour being taken up by "One Man's Family."

On and after January 11th, "Miss Trent's Children" will replace the American program, "One Man's Family," 8:00 to 8:30 p.m.

TO BE HEARD

January 5th, 10:00 p.m., NBC, the light-heavyweight boxing bout between Melio Bettina and Fred Apostoli from Madison Square Garden . . . January 6th, 1:55 p.m., NBC and CBL, Metropolitan Opera: Lily Pons in "Lakme" . . . 10:00 p.m., CBL, NBC Symphony conducted by Bernardino Molinari . . . Jan. 7, 3 p.m., CBS and CFRB, N. Y. Philharmonic in all-Tchaikowsky program conducted by Igor Stravinsky . . . 5:30 p.m., NBC and CBL, Metropolitan Auditions of the Air . . . 8:00 p.m., NBC and CBL, Chase and Sanborn Hour . . . 8:30 p.m., NBC and CBL, One Man's Family . . . 9:00 p.m., CBS, Sunday evening Hour . . . January 8th, at 8:00 p.m., NBC and CBL, Quaker Variety Show . . . 8:30 p.m., NBC and CBL, Voice of Firestone with Richard Crooks . . . January 9, at 9:45 a.m., NBC and CBC, Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain speaking on "The War, Its Progress and Future" . . . 8:30 p.m., NBC and CBL, Information Please . . . 10:00 p.m., CBL, Toronto Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Ernest MacMillan . . . January 10, 9:30 p.m., CBL, Percy Faith's Music . . . January 11, 8:00 p.m., CBL, Miss Trent's Children . . . 8:30 p.m., CBL, "On Parade" with His Majesty's Canadian Grenadier Guards' Band . . . 10:00 p.m., CBL, Bing Crosby.

POP—A Cure for Sleep-Walking

By J. MILLAR WATT