SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY
Luke 19: 28-40

GOLDEN TEXT—Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Mark 11:9.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time—Sunday, April 2, A.D. 30.

Place—The Western slope of the Mount of Olives, opposite the city of Jerusalem.

Last Journey to Jerusalem

Luke 19:28. "And when he had thus spoken, he went before, going up to Jerusalem. 29. And it came to pass, when he drew nigh unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples." The order of events was probably as follows: Jesus left Jericho on the morning and reached Bethany on the evening of Friday. There He remained with the Twelve, our Lord doubtless being with Lazarus and his sisters. The next day, Sabbath (our Saturday), He spent in quiet at Bethany. In the evening He was at supper in the house of Simon the leper, His disciples, with Lazarus and his sisters, being present. At this feast he was anointed by Mary. During the afternoon, Jews of Jerusalem, who had heard from pilgrims of His arrival, went out to see Him and Lazarus. This coming to the ears of the chief priests, a meeting of the council was held at night to consider the propriety of putting both Jesus and Lazarus to death. On the morrow (Sunday) the narrative of Luke resumes.

To Fetch a Colt

30. "Saying, Go your way into the village over against you; in which as ye enter ye shall find a colt tied, whereon no man ever yet sat: loose him, and bring him. 31. And if any one ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say, The Lord hath need of him." The sending of the two disciples proves the deliberate intention of Jesus to give a certain solemnity to this scene. He wished to show Himself at least once as King Messiah to His people. He knew that in any case death awaited Him in the capital. 32. "And they that were sent went away, and found even as he had said unto them. 33. And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt? 34. And they said, The Lord hath need of him." The disciples' faith was splendid in the hour of miracle, when in the name of Jesus they were might; but it was not less splendid in this unnoticed hour, when they were sent to fetch the ass from Bethphage.

Acclamation of the Multitude

35. "And they brought him to Jesus: and they threw their garments upon the colt, and set Jesus thereon. 36. And as they went they spread their garments in the way." The companies of pilgrims from the various towns and districts of Palestine, or from Jewish settlements abroad, were wont to make public entries into the city before the great feasts. Such an entry Jesus would make, Himself its central figure. It would be a day of joy and gladness to Him and to others, as when a king enters on his kingdom. He would no longer check the popular feeling in His favour. His last entry to the Holy City, at the Feast of Tabernacles, had been designedly secret; but this should be in exact contrast, for He knew that His kingly work was now over, so far as it could, for the time, be completed, and the enthusiasm of willing consecration to death, as His path to eternal triumph, filled Him with a serene and victorious joy. Misconception of His claim would be impossible, in honest minds, in the face of facts. Israel should now see Him come openly, as He, who alone, if they frankly accepted Him, could save them, by leading them as a nation, to true repentance and a higher spiritual life. He knew beforehand, that they would not; but His work could not be said to be completely ended till He had given them and their leaders this last public opportunity.

Hitherto He had entered the Holy City on foot; this day, like David and the Judges of Israel, he would ride on an ass, the ancient symbol of Jewish royalty.

"Blessed is the King"

37. "And as he was now drawing nigh, even at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works which they had seen; 38. Saying, Blessed is the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest." These cries clearly recognized Jesus as the Messiah. The Psalms from which they come were sung at the Passover and at the Feast of Tabernacles, and hence were familiar to the people.

The Pharisees Rebuked

39. "And some of the Pharisees from the multitude said unto him, Teacher, rebuke thy disciples. 40. And he answered and said, I tell you that, if these shall hold their peace, the stones will cry out." Jesus and His disciples were under the ban of the hierarchy. The Sanhedrin had issued a decree that, if anyone knew where He was, he should give information, that they might arrest Him. And yet, here are His disciples bringing Him in triumph into Jerusalem and the populace enthusiastically joining with them. The Pharisees were horrified. Never before had they witnessed such a demonstration. They saw no way to stop what to their ears was blasphemous praise of Jesus, except an appeal to Jesus himself that he rebuke this enthusiasm. His answer stunned them.

Pup's Protection

This big kennel doesn't appear to be much of an air-raid shelter for tiny pooch somewhere in England. Maybe he'll crawl under the helmet.

Gardening . . .

ARTICLE No. 6

Shrubs, trees and perennial flowers have a fearful habit of taking up more room when grown up than the average gardener anticipated. Generally speaking, when setting out such things, allow half as much space between, and away from fences or walls, as the natural heights for these plants in the catalogue. Thus the most common type of Spirea, the Van Houttei, which reaches a full height of from six to eight feet in most parts of Canada, should be planted from three to four feet apart or the same distance from walk, wall or fence, for decorative effect. For a hedge, however, it may be planted closer.

Again the common peony, which grows to a height of two and a half feet when full grown, should have about 18 inches between plants.

Have Vegetables Handy

In the kitchen garden, at the door, it is advisable of course to keep a plentiful supply of salad material like leaf and head lettuce, onions and, possibly, celery. The latter is set out in the garden as well started plants usually after all danger of frost is over.

For vegetable rows, there are small cultivators pushed by hand which will cultivate a plot 100 by 50 in well under an hour and these can be procured in larger size for horse or tractor.

For Cut Flowers

If a supply of cut flowers is wanted for the table, blooms with long stems that will keep well in water, horticultural authorities urge the planting of sweet peas, snapdragons, cosmos, zinnias, lupine, African Marigolds, scabiosis, asters, single and double, verbena and salpiglosis. If preferred these can be grown in rows in the vegetable garden.

Coffin Rider

Near Barcelona, Spain, a peasant hitched a ride on a truck carrying an empty coffin. As it was raining, he crawled inside the coffin. Soon, the truck took two more passengers aboard. As they drove on, the peasant raised the lid, ejaculated: "It's stopped raining." Over the side went the other riders in terror. One was killed, the second badly hurt.

Easter Island

There lies a lone isle in the tropic seas,—
A mountain isle, with beaches shining white,
Where soft stars smile upon its sleep by night,
And every noonday fans it with a breeze.
Here on a cliff, carved upward from the knees,
Three uncouth statues of gigantic height,
Upon whose brows the circling sea-birds light,
Stare out to ocean over the tall trees.

For ever gaze they at the sea and sky,
For ever hear the thunder of the main,
For ever watch the ages die away;
And ever round them rings the phantom cry
Of some lost race that died in human pain,
Looking towards heaven, yet seeing no more than they.

—Frederick George Scott.

Saving Ontario's Natural Resources

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MAINTAIN FISH STOCKS

One of the functions of the Department of Game and Fisheries is the maintenance of a stock of fish in our lakes and rivers. I am going to quote Mr. H. H. MacKay, Biologist of the Department, on this subject, for he knos more about fish culture and fish stocking than any other man in Ontario. Mr. MacKay has full charge of all the hatcheries in Ontario and with his assistant, Mr. A. H. Werner, looks after the scientific side of the Department's program.

Quoting from an article written by Mr. MacKay: "A restocking policy must be followed by regulation, conservation and maintainence of the fish supply, consistent with the demands made upon it. The ways and means by which the Department are endeavouring to realize these objectives are by means of fish culture, legislation, research and the education of the public."

Preserve Natural Conditions

"The raising of young fish in our Government hatcheries will not improve fishing unless the water in the streams and lakes into which these little fish are planted, is suitable for them. Many streams which formerly supported trout will no longer do so and to plant young fish in such waters is pure waste. Anglers must therefore work for the preservation of natural conditions in the lakes and streams of our Province if the splendid efforts which the Government is making to restock depleted waters is to be of any avail."

"Prevention of pollution is one of the first essentials in the maintenance of natural conditions in our streams. Anglers should bring to the attention of the Government every case of suspected pollution. The next essential is the maintenance of a uniform stream flow. In cleared and deforested areas the melting snows in spring cause floods and summer droughts —both destructive to fish life."

"Of course, we cannot reforest our agricultural areas for the sake of having a steady flow of waters in our streams, but anglers should take an active interest in the reforestation of waste lands. They also should take an interest in preventing the drainage of swamps and the deforestation of areas about the head waters of our river systems."

The Book Shelf

"RANDOM HARVEST"
By James Hilton

The author of the celebrated "Good-bye, Mr. Chips!" has just written his first full-length novel in seven years. And it is topping the best-seller lists all over the continent.

"Random Harvest" is the story of a man who was. The setting is England; the time, the years before the present war. That's all we're going to tell you about the contents of the book, so that you, as reader, may enjoy the full pleasure of discovering Mr. Hilton's touching love tale and magic story-telling for yourself. Suffice it here to say that the plot packs greater interest and suspense than did that of "Lost Horizon." Its leading characters are as appealing as Mr. Chips himself.

"Random Harvest" . . . by James Hilton . . . Toronto: McClelland & Stewart . . . $2.75.

"America is still in a medieval state of mind about the place of women." —Pearl Buck.

Cravats of Fishskin

Neckties made from the skin of sea salmon are the latest style innovation in Germany. The material is available in twenty-four colors. The advantage claimed, in addition to saving on cotton, silk and wool, is that the ties do not become soiled easily.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

ANSWER: The study of trees and shrubs.

Vesuvius is estimated to be at least 10,000 years old, and there is nothing in its history that suggests that it is on the wane, since one of its greatest eruptions was in 1906.

NEXT: How many oceans are there?

RADIO REPORTER

By DAVE ROBBINS

GOOD FRIDAY MUSIC

"The walls, windows and columns of the church were hung with black cloth and only one large lamp, hanging in the centre, lighted the solemn and religious gloom . . ." This is the setting in which Haydn's great oratorio "The Seven Words of the Saviour from the Cross" was first performed in the Cathedral at Cadiz, in 1785.

This work, which will be heard on the CBC National Network from 9.00 to 10.00 p.m. daylight time on Friday, April 11, will be the climax of the religious broadcasts scheduled for Holy Week. A Fifty-piece orchestra directed by Jean-Marie Beaudet, with soloists and a choir led by Victor Brault, will take part in the presentation.

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"FORTUNE TIME"

Then from CKOC comes a new radio game — and it gives good prizes too. It's Fortune Time, a program that is heard every Tuesday and Friday at one o'clock from 1150 on the dial.

Fortune Time is entirely new as an air game for everyone can win prizes, and there are no questions, rhymes or what-not to get in the winning column.

Dial in either Tuesday or Friday at noon, and watch the wheels of fortune spin out the winners!

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AROUND THE DIAL

Joan Edwards, Girl About Town, is a fine new feature on CFRB each Monday and Wednesday nights at 11.30. Tune in this exciting lass and do the town with her.

Diversion of an NBC sound-effects man is playing recordings of African cannibal drummers simultaneously with a hot Tommy Dorsey or Benny Goodman number. They blend perfectly he says.

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Radio Slants: Crane Wilbur, producer of the Edward G. Robinson "Big Town" program over CBS, was in England shortly before the start of World War II and paid a visit to old friends in Cornwall. There, in a local "pub," he came face to face with a reminder of earlier days when he was an actor in London—a dusty portrait of himself which bore the legend: "The King of the Theatre World" . . . Time is turning backward for radio actor Marvin Mueller. He played his first radio character—a man 60 years old—when he was 19, and since then his parts have been getting younger. Now he plays the youthful but hard-boiled Sergeant Monihan in "Dear Mom" . . . Popular tune "Cathedral in the Pines" sounds an awful lot like "The Old Rugged Cross"; play 'em together yourself sometime . . . Comedian Bob Hope threw a big "Wild West" party for a bunch of British refugee children living in or near Hollywood . . . Benny Goodman broke down and named Artie Shaw's recording of "Dr. Livingstone I Presume" the waxing of the month; Shaw is Goodman's chief rival . . . Radio and movie actor John Barrymore is 69; Ronald Colman is 50.

BREAKFAST FRUIT

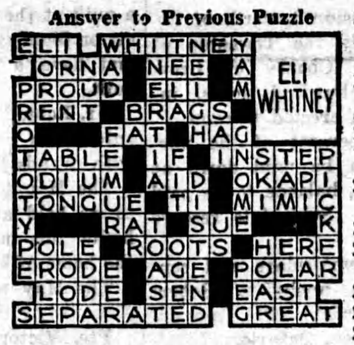
HORIZONTAL

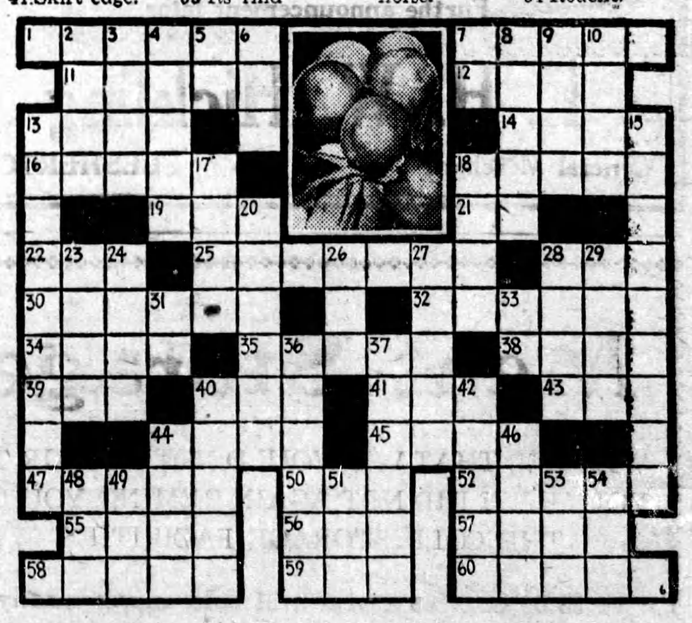
1 Pictured fruit used for food and juice.
7 Frolic.
11 Conscious.
12 Its tree has hard yellow ——.
13 Nights before.
14 Secular.
16 Waistcoats.
18 African tribe.
19 Ye.
21 Either.
22 Gypsy.
25 To bare the head.
28 Be still!
30 Chalices.
32 Rabbit.
34 Shower
35 Era
38 Slovak.
39 Measure of length.
40 Peasant.
41 Skirt edge.
43 Exclamation.
44 Steering apparatus.
45 Coins.
47 Baseball teams.
50 To do wrong.
52 Staff officers.
55 Cloak.
56 Field.
57 Toward sea.
58 In botany it is classed as a ——.
59 Its rind yields ——.
60 Its blossom is ——.

VERTICAL

2 To be furious.
3 Inspires reverence.
4 Disgusting.
5 Grain.
6 Ever.
7 Southwest.
8 Pertaining to poles.
9 Chestnut horse.
10 To redact.
13 Its tree is —— in type.
15 It is a widely ——d fruit.
17 Spirit.
18 Northeast wind.
20 To open a letter.
23 Verbal.
24 Correspondence.
26 Indian.
27 Anesthetic.
28 Tissue.
29 U. S. state.
31 Within.
33 Postscript.
36 Grapefruit.
37 Sung in chorus.
40 Fretful.
42 Parrot.
44 To listen.
46 Girdle.
48 Frozen water
49 Neither
51 Portuguese coin.
53 The gods
54 Rodent.

Answer to Previous Puzzle





POP—Geographically Speaking

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