SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

March 28
THE APPEARANCES AFTER THE RESURRECTION
John 20:18—21:25
PRINTED TEXT
John 20:19-31

GOLDEN TEXT—I am alive for evermore.—Revelation 1:18.

Memory Verse: Thou Jehovah, hast made me glad. Psalm 92:4.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time—The first appearance to the assembled disciples was on Easter night, April 9, A.D. 30. The second appearance was the following first day of the week, April 16. The appearance to the disciples at the Sea of Galilee was sometime later in the month of April.

Place—The two appearances to the assembled disciples were in an upper room in Jerusalem, possibly the room in which the Lord's Supper was instituted The appearance to the disciples engaged in fishing was, of course, on the Sea of Galilee in Northern Palestine.

Christ Appears

"When therefore it was evening, on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, "Peace be unto you." When our Lord appeared with His "Peace be unto you," He restored peace, because He restored the sense of pardon for past sin and of reconciliation with God. Without this there can be no true peace for the soul of man.

Peace Be Unto You

"And when he had said this, he showed unto them his hands and his side. The disciples therefore were glad, when they saw the Lord." Christ showed them His hands and side to convince them He was the very same Person who had been crucified, having the same body; as the words just uttered would assure them, His heart was still the same to them.

"Jesus therefore said to them again, Peace be unto you: as the Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Spirit: whose soever sins ye forgive, they are forgiven unto them; whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained." Breathing is the most manifest token of life; so that in breathing on the disciples our Lord was giving them to share His own life—the life of God. He was so possessed with the Spirit that the very breath of His body was spiritual — communicating divine life.

Thomas Voices His Doubts

"But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore saith unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Why Thomas was not with the disciples we do not know but he was of a morose disposition and probably wanted to be alone with his grief. It should be carefully noted that the disciples did not part from Thomas—they were gracious and tender to him, telling him what they had seen and heard. Thomas wanted to believe but he needed overwhelming proof of the reality of Christ's resurrection.

Thomas Believes

"And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas was with them. Jesus cometh, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. 27. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and see my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and put it into my side." The narrative implies that our Lord supernaturally knew not only of the doubt in Thomas' heart, but the words which he had previously spoken to the disciples in demanding physical proof of Christ's resurrection. "And be not faithless, but believing. Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God." Thomas recognized but he knew also that his Lord was more than man. The discipline of self-questioning, followed by the revelation of tender compassion and divine knowledge, enabled Thomas to rise to the loftiest view of the Lord given in the Gospels.

Faith In the Unseen

"Jesus saith unto them, Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." Thomas himself ought to have believed in the testimony of the rest, confirmed by all he had known and experienced of Christ in past days. No man is without intelligent grounds for his belief. Faith is the opposite of sight because it asserts what is not seen; the opposite of reason in this sense, that it compels belief in an object which reason alone cannot apprehend. But faith in the unseen has its own proofs which satisfy the believing mind and heart that there is an unseen and eternal.

THIS WAS THEIR HOME

Two grieving women look over the ruins of a Berber house in Casablanca after a raid by German bombers on December 31. The attack took a heavy toll of lives because native houses are of light construction.

Purpose of John's Gospel

"Many other signs therefore did Jesus in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye may have life in his name."

It was not John's purpose to write a complete "Life of Christ"; it was not his purpose to write a "Life" at all. Rather he would narrate just those facts respecting Jesus which would produce a saving faith in Him as the Messiah and the Son of God.

One-fifth of the people of Holland earn their living on the land, mostly on small farms of less than 50 acres.

2,000,000 Plans In Plane Plant

Over a quarter of a million of square feet of drawings were set up and printed in one month alone in the draughting office of the De Havilland Aircraft, Toronto, on the "Mosquito" bomber-fighter. They have to be constantly adjusted to conform to parts and instrument. Altogether there are a couple of million blueprints on file, in a department numbering 50 men and 25 women, including many famous cultural figures at the drawing boards, artists, architects and civil engineers, also champion glider pilots, one of Canada's best etchers, musicians, famous yachtsmen and skiers.

GIRL ATHLETE

HORIZONTAL

1, 6 Expert U. S. tennis player.
11 Cetacean.
12 Good-by.
13 Jargons.
14 Ceremonial treatise.
16 Hour (abbr.).
17 Measure of type.
18 Chum.
20 Sense of touch.
23 To handle roughly.
25 Lying in heaps
29 Spruce.
31 Shoe.
32 To shut in.
33 Valley.
34 Deity of war.
35 Relaxes.
37 French coin.
38 Kilns.
40 Fish.
41 Animal.
43 To sleep.
45 To whip.
47 Female sheep.
49 Coral island.
51 Indian.
54 To sanction.
55 Civet type beast.
56 Mud.
58 She is the 1940 —— singles champion.
59 She is also the U. S. —— tennis champion.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

VERTICAL

2 Fibber.
3 Small hotel.
4 Citizen.
5 Artist's frame.
6 Dull finish.
7 Saying.
8 Weight.
9 Wager.
10 Enticement.
13 She first became national —— in 1936.
15 She is no longer listed among the —— or non-professionals.
18 Cougars.
19 High mountain
20 Anglo-Saxon army.
21 Finale.
22 Shortest.
24 Aroma.
25 Fowl.
26 To exacerbate.
27 In bed.
28 Wainscoted.
30 Bitter herb.
35 To employ.
36 Call for help.
39 Tendency.
42 Finger digit.
44 Starch.
46 Singing voice.
47 Sour plum.
48 Damp.
50 Onward.
52 Sesame.
53 Before.
54 Yellow bird.
57 Electric term.

"Cracker Barrel" Farmers Warned

Grandpa's Methods Not Good Enough For Present Time

Professor G. I. Christie of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, was very outspoken the other evening to the members of the Rural Municipalities convention in Toronto, when he told farmers to "get off the cracker barrels at the village store," and said that grandfather's methds of farming are not good enough for 1943 production. He particularly addressed his remarks to hog raisers, dairymen and potato growers, and told them to avoid these "lengthy, worthless chats they were used to in peacetime." Although Professor Christie mentioned three classes of farmers, his remarks no doubt are capable of general application. He particularly cited loss of young pigs, which are so much needed today, through inefficiency, says The St. Thomas Times-Journal.

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A great many farmers have been educated at the Ontario Agricultural College, and these are among the best producers in the country. Knowing the value of a scientific training, they send their sons there, and steadily the province is developing a race of highly skilled and intelligent farmers.

There are many farmers, however, chiefly those who through no fault of their own, probably lacking the means or the time, are prone to regard the scientific farmer with a certain degree of contempt. In fact, they look down upon these "white collar" farmers, as they call them, and regard them as "arm chair" men who don't like getting their hands dirty. They think there is no school like experience; but the trouble is they simply follow the methods grandpa did when he cleared the ground, except to add some machinery to lighten the load.

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Farming is a highly scientific industry. That fact does not seem to enter the minds of some farmers. Soil and the raising of crops, a thorough understanding of livestock of all kinds, of dairy work, of handling machinery, of storing and feednig, of knowing what to do at the right time and how, and many other things are all subjects in which the producers ought to know as much as they can, in the light of modern experiment and research.

To become a skilled craftsman, a boy has to spend several years with experienced, trained men before he can be called competent and get good wages. But any man can get a piece of land, shove seeds in the ground and buy some horses, cattle and pigs and call himself a farmer. And when his stuff does not bring the prices he thinks it should, he blames the government.

THE BOOK SHELF

BLACK-OUT IN GRETLEY
By J. B. Priestly

Large-boned, dark, long-faced, and inclined to be sour; intelligent rather than subtle; the sort who'd prefer a broad-axe to a rapier any day—Humphrey Neyland, Canadian, was definitely not the kind of man you would expect to find working for the British counter-espionage. But although he was by no means infallible, he was, as his Chief told him, both impudent and lucky.

Certainly both impudence and luck in large quantities were called for on the Gretley job. Sent down to discover who was collecting and distributing the valuable information that was streaming out of there, and to stop the leak, he quickly tangled with as dangerous a collection of homegrown and imported Nazis as you'd care to meet in a blackout.

Calling on brains, brawn, luck and impudence, he dodged and twisted and bluffed, laid artful traps for the unwary, laughed and fought his way out of a number of tight corners; lost perhaps more tricks than he took but won the last in a fine blaze of action and quick-thinking.

Black-out in Gretley . . . by J. B. Priestly . . . The MacMillan Company of Canada . . . Price $2.25.

RADIO REPORTER By REX FROST

If you enjoy a novelty program, something a little different from the ordinary run of radio presentations, tune in Ross Millard's new "Hobby Show," heard every Thursday evening, 10 o'clock over C.F.R.B., Toronto. It has a distinctly original flavor. Recently it has featured an assortment of the old-fashioned musical boxes which were the vogue in grandmother's day. Included in recent programs have been antiquated musical powder boxes, musical steins, as well as the larger more orthodox yet ornate instruments. The music boxes have been loaned by many owners for the purposes of assisting in this unique musical program. Due acknowledgement is made of the courtesies so extended. Any readers of this column who might happen to have unusual music boxes, particularly those with a history behind them, are invited to loan them to Ross Millard for inclusion in this new Hobby program. Write him in care of CFRB, Toronto, giving full particulars. It would be fun, don't you think, to hear your musical box played over the air?

From time to time you hear many people arguing that the most popular radio programs heard over Canadian stations originate from one or other of the big networks of the United States. There's plenty of evidence, however, to show that many Canadian programs have what it takes to make country-wide Canadian appeal. "Treasure Trail" is an example. Believe it or not, 13 million letters have been written to "Treasure Trail" in the four years and nine months it has been on the air. If you still question whether Canadians listen to programs originating from within the Dominion and are still willing to write letters ask the Postmaster General of Canada — it is estimated that one Canadian radio program alone brought a revenue to the post office department of $350,000 during the last 5 years.

Of interest to the ladies. Two women who know something about the practical side of stepping up the food supplies of Canada will take part in Beth Lockerbie's program, "Women on the Job," Friday afternoon, March 19, at 4.18 over the CBC network. They are a farmer's wife from Manitoba and a 19-year-old girl who learned to take the place of the farmer's sons when they went off to serve in Canada's armed forces.

We hear a lot of complimentary remarks these days around the Ontario countryside regarding the story series currently being presented over the Columbia system, including CFRB, Toronto, Monday through Fridays at 5 p.m.

Madeleine Carroll, the Manchester, England-born stage, screen and radio actress, who has earned fame on two continents, apparently is adding to her laurels by her delightfully rendered interpretations from current literature, simply styled "Madeleine Carroll Reads."

CFRB has just instituted a new series of programs, "Ansering You," Friday nights at 9 o'clock. In it you meet a new personality, Mr. P. R. or in other words, the Personal Relations Director, whose job it is to answer inquiries and criticisms and to acknowledge the compliments which come daily to a busy radio station. If you are interested in a glimpse of what goes on behind the microphone, how programs are designed and why, in fact, what "makes the wheels go round" in a radio station, make a point of tuning in this new series.

LISTEN TO
"COUNTRY NEWS"
EACH SUNDAY AT 2 P.M.
CFRB—860 on your dial

OUR RADIO LOG

TORONTO STATIONS		
CFRB	860k,	CBL 740k
CKCL	580k,	CBY 1010k
U.S. NETWORKS		
WEAF	N.B.C. Red	660k
WJZ	N.B.C. Blue	770k
WABC	(C.B.S.)	880k
WOR	(M.B.S.)	710k
CANADIAN STATIONS		
CFOS	Owen Sd.	1400k
CKOC	Hamilton	1150k
CHML	Hamilton	900k
CKTB	St. Cath.	1550k
CFCF	Montreal	660k
CFCH	North Bay	1230k
CJCS	Stratford	1240k
CKWS	Kingston	960k
CFCO	Chatham	630k
CFPL	London	1570k
CKAC	Montreal	730k
CKCR	Waterloo	1490k
CKCO	Ottawa	1310k
CKGB	Timmins	1470k
CKSO	Sudbury	790k
CKPC	Brantford	1380k
CKLW	Windsor	800k
CKNX	Wingham	920k
CHEX	Peterboro	1130k
U.S. STATIONS		
WEBR	Buffalo	1340k
WHAM	Rochester	1180k
WLW	Cincinnati	700k
WGY	Schenectady	810k
KDKA	Pittsburgh	1020k
WBBM	Chicago	780k
WBEN	Buffalo	930k
WGR	Buffalo	550k
WKBW	Buffalo	1520k
WJR	Detroit	760k

SHORT WAVE		
GSD	England	9.51m
GSC	England	9.58m
GSD	England	11.75m
GSE	England	11.86m
GSG	England	17.79m
GSP	England	15.31m
EAR	Spain	9.48m
RAN	Russia	9.60m
RNE	Russia	12.00m
PRF5	Brazil	95.00m
WGEA	Schenectady	15.33m
WCAB	Phila.	15.27m
WCBX	N. York	11.83m
WRUL	Boston	15.15m

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson

ANSWER: Three little kittens . . . four and 20 blackbirds . . answer, 72.

NEXT: The shortest line between two points.

POP—An Old Hand at the Job By J. MILLAR WATT