# The SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

### Jesus' Teachings On The Judgment

**Mark 13:1-2, 28-37.**

**Golden Text:** Take heed, watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is.—Mark 13:33.

In the final week of His ministry our Lord spoke more particularly of events to come. He foretold the destruction of the beautiful temple. "There shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down." Forty years later this prediction was literally fulfilled. So enraged was the Roman general, Titus, at the stubborn resistance of the Jews that he ordered the temple to be fired. The melted gold ran down between the foundation stones. The Roman soldiers in their quest for the gold saw to it that not one stone was left upon another.

The destruction of Jerusalem was a judgment of the Jews. But Jesus taught the judgment of all nations. He himself will return and reward every man according to his works.

There are various views with respect to the exact order of events connected with the return of our Savior. In regard to some details it is better not to be too dogmatic. But our individual responsibility is strikingly clear. We have a work to do. At an hour now unknown to any on earth, our Lord will return and take account of our conduct. We are therefore to be in life in constant readiness for His appearing, for on His approval depends our eternal happiness. Let us therefore pattern our lives after the Bible standard, turning from sin and trusting in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. The life of faith will be characterized by works of faith.

There will be no frustration of the course of justice at the final judgment. He who wills now to be our Savior will then be our judge. He will not judge merely by appearance but will judge the secrets of men's hearts. How carefully and prayerfully ought we to live!

'Nothing to Say as Yet'—Movie star Ingrid Bergman collects a few flowers plucked for her by Italian director Roberto Rossellini during a recent visit to the Etruscan ruins in Rome. Now they're on film location on Stromboli Island off Italy; both silent on reports she'll divorce her doctor husband to wed Rossellini. The director insisted he "had nothing to say as yet."

## Best Seller For Four Hundred Years

Four hundred years and still a best seller is quite a record. That record will have been made on June the 9th of this year (1949) by the Book of Common Prayer. This book was first pubished "at ye signe of ye sunne," Fleet Street, London, in 1549. Since then, hundreds of editions have appeared, not only in English, but in dozens of other languages, from Japanese to that of Haida Indians of British Columbia, from Esquimaux to that of the ancient tongues Latin, Greek and Hebrew, to the modern Esperanto, so ingeniously contrived to be a second language for all.

The authorized version of the English Bible, published in 1611, and the Book of Common Prayer, first published 62 years earlier, are the books which have helped most to standardize our English tongue. For hundreds of years, when other books were scarce, these two books found their way into the homes of all who could read, both in England and also in many other English speaking lands. When few could read, the language of the Prayer Book was heard, week by week, by multitudes of simple folk, and the dignified and euphonious phrases of that book entered the common speech of the people. We owe dozens of fine expressions, in frequent use, to the Book of Common Prayer. The Prayer Book is largely in the language of Archbishop Cranmer and of Bishop Coverdale.

The English of the Prayer Book is of the Golden Age of our language. A hundred and fifty years later, in the reign of William and Mary, a revision was prepared which fortunately did not win approval. It is now lost on the dusty shelves of college libraries. A long-winded period of English writing had begun. Long sentences with dependent clauses, long words derived from the Latin, replaced the vigorous Anglo-Saxon words, and the short sentences of the English of the Golden Age. William and Mary's revisers took Cranmer's perfect Collects and puffed them out with pious platitudes. But, thank God, this revision was never accepted. English speaking folk did not have their diction spoiled by listening, Sunday by Sunday in the House of God, to such bombast.

The language of the Book of Common Prayer has a wonderful rhythm and euphony which makes it delightful to read or to hear. It is full of lovely phrases quite peculiar to itself. "We bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told"; "We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep"; "That peace which the world cannot give"; "Pass our time in rest and quietness"; "Show forth they praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives"; "A due sense of all Thy mercies." Some have criticized these supposed redundancies of the Prayer Book, such as "rest and quietness," "erred and strayed," but these not only provide rhythm, they also serve a real purpose in corporate worship. They give our slow minds time to grasp the thought, when it is given first in a word of Anglo-Saxon derivation, and then one of Latin origin.

The Book of Common Prayer was the earliest effort to provide for all men in one book, the Church's corporate acts of worship. Hitherto there had been a book for the services of daily prayer (the Breviary) and another book containing the service of the Eucharist (Missal), yet another book containing the occasional offices, and another with the Bishop's special services. These were all in Latin. The people were provided with a book (the Primer) containing a few private devotions in their mother tongue. By simplifying the services, and translating them into the mother tongue, and making them available in one handy volume, the worship of the Church could become corporate, as it had been in the early centuries. Instead of the priests in the Sanctuary reciting the service among themselves in one language, while the people in the nave engaged to private devotions in another language, all could now worship together. The priest could recite his part, and the people could respond with theirs. The ideal of the whole community, rich and poor, high and low, clerk and merchant, craftsman and farmer, housewife and workman, offering to God the life and work of the whole parish with common understanding, could be realized.

"The Midway Homemakers met Tuesday in the crazy little home of Mrs. William Richardson."—Brandenburg (Ky.) Messenger.

# TABLE TALKS

by Jane Andrews.

No doubt you've heard this often enough before this, but perhaps another reminder won't do any harm—potatoes cooked with their jackets on are much higher in food value than when you peel them. Vitamin C is highly important to health—yet when you peel potatoes before cooking them, you lose from 20 to 80 per cent of the Vitamin C content, besides some of the very valuable thiamin.

Now, with that tiny sermon off my chest, how about a few recipes. Here's a "meatless" main dish that's almost guaranteed to please any family that likes eggs and cheese. It's:

**Eggs Baked in Cheese Sauce**
- 3 tablespoons shortening
- 3 tablespoons flour
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- Dash pepper
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1½ cups milk
- 1 cup grated Canadian cheese
- 6 eggs
- 2 cups corn flakes
- 1 tablespoon melted butter

**Method:** Melt shortening in top of double boiler; add flour and seasonings and stir to smooth paste. Add milk, cook, stirring until thickened. Add cheese and stir until melted. Cover the bottom of baking dish with one half the sauce, making six small indentations for eggs. Carefully break eggs into sauce; cover with remaining sauce. Crush corn flakes into fine crumbs, mix with melted butter. Sprinkle crumbs over sauce. Bake in a slow oven (300 degrees F.) 30-35 minutes. Yield 6 servings.

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If you own one, I don't need to tell you that one of those old-fashioned heavy frying pans, made of iron, is just about the handiest cooking utensil there is. It's undoubtedly heavier than other sorts—but that's what's good about it; for it heats evenly, and holds heat constantly, which means less fuel, less danger of foods burning, and less attention from you.

Still, some of the newer frying pans—aluminum, or stainless steel with copper bottoms, do most jobs well. They bake a cake about 20 minutes faster than a heavy iron pan. And they come with tight-fitting lids, which is half the secret of frying-pan-baking, or of steaming meats on top of the stove.

Did I hear somebody say that they never heard of making cake in a frying pan? Then try this recipe some day soon. I'm pretty sure that your first one won't be your last, by any manner of means.

**Cocoa Frying-Pan Cake**
- ½ cup cocoa
- ½ cup cold water
- 1½ cups sifted cake flour
- 1 teaspoon soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup sour milk
- 1¼ cups brown sugar, firmly packed
- ½ cup shortening
- 3 eggs, unbeaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

**Method:** Stir the cocoa into the cold water. Sift together the flour, soda, salt and add the brown sugar. Put in the shortening and a quarter cup of the sour milk, also the eggs and vanilla. Stir vigorously for about 100 strokes, than add the other quarter cup of sour milk and the cocoa mixture. Now beat about twice as long—say 200 strokes. Grease and line a heavy 12 inch frying-pan with 3 thicknesses of waxed paper. Pour in the batter and spread evenly. Cover frying pan tightly. Cook for 1½ hours over LOW heat—or until a straw or toothpick comes out clean. Uncover. Cool on a rack until cake shrinks from sides of frying-pan. Turn out. Frost as desired.

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Here's a dessert dish that's easy to make—and easy to eat as well, as I think you'll discover. It's

**Cocoanut Mound Dessert**
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- ½ cup cold milk
- 1¾ cups hot milk
- ¼ cup sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup shredded coconut, finely chopped

**Method:** Soften gelatin in cold milk. Add hot milk, sugar and salt, and stir until dissolved. Add vanilla. Chill until mixture is the consistency of unbeaten egg whites. Stir in shredded coconut. Turn into large or individual molds and chill until firm. Unmold and serve with chocolate sauce. Yield, six servings.

## Modern Etiquette

by Roberta Lee

Q. When two men and a girl are getting into the back seat of a car, how should they proceed?

**A. One of the men should open the door for the girl, who enters and sits in the middle. One of the men enters and sits at her right, the other goes around the car and takes the seat at her left.**

Q. Is it good form to type a signature on a business letter?

**A. Not unless it is supplemented by a pen signature. Sometimes this is advisable when a person's signature is very illegible.**

Q. Does a woman rise when she is being introduced to another woman about her own age?

**A. Not unless a much older woman is making the introduction.**

Q. When a man meets a woman acquaintance on the street, and turns to walk with her, should he offer to carry any parcels that she may have in her arms or hands?

**A. It would be the courteous thing to do, provided the parcels are rather large or heavy, but somewhat silly if the woman is merely carrying a book, or some equally small package.**

Q. What is the average amount of the fee the bridegroom gives the clergyman?

**A. Usually from ten to fifty dollars, according to the bridegroom's financial ability.**

## Will Tour

This is the latest professional photograph of Margaret Truman, daughter of the President, taken in preparation for her first professional concert tour as a singer.

## When You Go By Boat Or Canoe

Find out as much as possible about your companion's knowledge of boats. This is better found out before than after the accident.

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At least one cushion should be of the variety which floats and can be used as a life-presrever.

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Don't stand up to paddle, even in quiet water. A passing motorboat a mile or two away may cause a swell, not noticed till it rocks the craft and causes an upset.

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Don't overdo exercise for the first few days of the trip. Work up to a full day's work by degrees.

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Make sure the boat is tied securely before leaving. A loosely tied knot can slip and allow the boat to drift away.

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Never lay paddles, oars, etc. on the ground where they may be stepped on and cracked or split. Stand them up, or lay across a rack or branch.

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If the mooring has a ring, put a snap-hook on the painter so you can lean over and fasten or unfasten it quickly.

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If possible, always draw the boat up on shore, far from waves, etc.

Answer to Crossword Puzzle

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We must surely be "by the gods beloved" because every time we arrange to have a meeting here it is a nice day—and often a nice day sandwiched in between rough or stormy weather. Last Thursday was no exception—warm, bright sunshine all day—even warm enough to bring a few daffodils out in bloom so that I was able to have spring flowers in the house. All this cheeriness was very acceptable as our little get-together happened to be the annual meeting of our local Women's Institute. Everybody knows what a headache an annual meeting is at times, and how often it is dreaded. But there was no need to dread this one—everyone was so agreeable, and willing, and co-operative only once did we hear that little word "no" after a nomination had been moved, and it was excusable. I was really proud of our branch. So here we are, ready to launch out on another year of service for Home and Country—just like other branches all over the province.

The day after our meeting it was cold and wet—and then turned to snow. So you see why I think we were lucky—or maybe it was just the Institute that was lucky.

Now that I am nicely started on one of my favourite topics I might as well keep it up—just in case there may be a few women somewhere who have not yet realised what a worthwhile organization we have in the W.I. Perhaps you are a newcomer to your district, perhaps you may even be a newcomer to Canada. If that is so there will be plenty of people in your district that you have never met; customs you have never heard about—and the best place to find out about both is to join the W.I.

The country women of Canada are friendly; there is hardly one who would not go all-out to help a neighbour in an emergency. They have always been so inclined, but I must admit that somewhere along the way, and more especially of recent years, there hasn't been the same visiting back and forth there used to be. Women, these days, rarely thnk of just slipping on a coat over a clean apron or housedress, picking up a bit of sewing or mending, and stepping over to Mrs. Goodenighbour's for an afternoon visit. It is hard to find a really satisfactory explanation — dear only knows women fifty years ago were busy enough. Perhaps it is that country women, now that a lot of them have household conveniences like their town and city cousins, have also absorbed some of the self-sufficiency—perhaps I might even say self-centred attitude of the town dweller. You know how it is—a woman in town can live for many months in a district without even knowing her next-door neighbour at all. We don't want that to happen in the country—it is surely something to guard against. Neighbourliness is an essential to country living. The newcomer, who thinks he—or she—can be an isolationist, is always the loser in the long run.

But visiting takes time—and if we feel we cannot take that time to visit back and forth as often as we would like to, then the W.I. provides a medium for neighbours getting to know each other and discussing their common problems. It is also a contact from which many a dear and lasting friendship may be the direct result.

Yes, farm folk need the Institute as never before because we don't even get a chance to visit on the telephone the way we used to. Party lines are all so busy these days that there is hardly time to say any more than hullo and boodbye.

But perhaps there isn't a Women's Institute branch in your district. That is an obstacle easily overcome. If there isn't one, start one. There is no time like the present; no person better for the job than YOU. Phone your neighbours; ask them if they would like a branch organized in that district, and if they will help. Do you know what the answer will be? I'll tell you. Nine out of ten neighbours will say—"Yes, it would be fine, and I'll be glad to help . . . but I'm not sure about joining, I am afraid I would never be able to get to the meetings—I am just that busy."

But don't let that discourage you—it is what most of them say. If you are sincere in wanting an Institute branch, get in touch with your District President; call an organization meeting and the rest will take care of itself. You will get your Institute—and the ladies WILL turn out to the meetings. You can lay your hand to your heart on that.


Two hours after he reported the theft of his car to the police of Everett, Mass., a motorist remembered to look in the garage. It was there, of course.


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