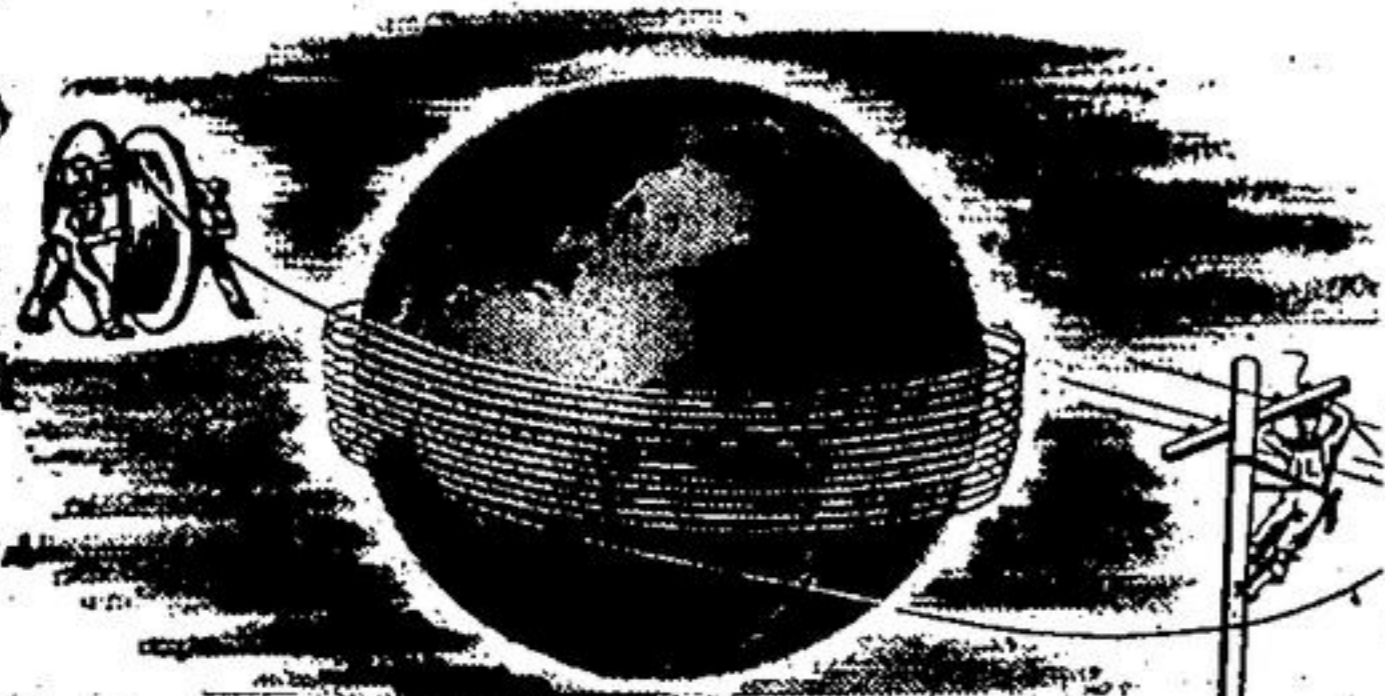


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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE RISEN LORD AND HIS DISCIPLES

By Rev. R. C. Todd
LESSON: John 20: 19-23, 26-29; 21: 15-17.

The Gospel of St. John, which has occupied our attention for the last three months, takes pains to show that there could never have been any Christianity without the resurrection. In this, John's witness is in keeping with the whole witness of the Scriptures. The disciples did not believe in Jesus sufficiently to carry on the work He had begun. Jesus went to His death in utter loneliness, for His death scattered the disciples. Jesus' own words, spoken when the disciples professed to believe that He came from God, show that He had no illusions about the faith of the disciples in the hour of crisis. "Do ye now believe? Behold the hour cometh, yes, is now come, that ye shall be scattered every man to his own, and shall leave me alone." (John 16: 31, 32). Such belief as the disciples had seems to have dissolved at Jesus' death.

But after the resurrection, belief triumphs over unbelief. John selects Thomas, a man of sceptical and pessimistic character, to demonstrate this triumph of belief which ascribes not only Lordship but Godhood to Christ (20: 28). Thomas demanded a materialistic proof of the resurrection, and Jesus offered it to him. It is to be noted that Thomas did not take advantage of the offer; but, confronted face to face with the risen Lord, fell to his knees and confessed: "My Lord, and my God". The faith, even of this most sceptical disciple was not established by any materialistic proof of the resurrection, but by the inward miracle of God's grace which alone produces true belief. The faith of the Church is not founded upon material proofs but by the far more certain inward knowledge gained by seeing the glory of God in Jesus Christ. The Church believes in Christ simply because He is what He is.

As popularly understood, the resurrection theme has to do with the life to come which we expect when life is past. The lesson text in John says something which overshadows that theme. What it has to say deals with the creation of a living Church in the here and now. The disciples were called, not so much to hope that they would live after death, as to awake and live in the activity of the Church on earth, as Christ's witnesses; living because they believed in Him. And so we find John declaring unmistakably how the risen Christ commissioned His believing disciples to go forth into the world, led and empowered by the Holy Spirit which He breathed into them.

It is to be noted that the Resurrection involved the disciples in the task of witnessing to Christ. He who confesses Christ as Lord and God, is inevitably involved in that task. Note as well that the effectiveness of the disciples' witness was not to rest upon their human talents, but upon the gift of God (The Spirit), and their spiritual communion with God through Christ.

John's Gospel brings out the fact that Christ came not merely to minister to men's physical needs, but to revive them spiritually. "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Now this mission falls upon the disciples. The same mission is committed to the Church today. And when that task is not fulfilled, human life sinks to the level of animal existence. Without the life of the Spirit of God breathed into the world, the breath of physical life is merely that of the animal. The Christian life (the life of the Spirit of God) is a higher level of human existence in the evolution of the species Man. But this redemptive mission cannot be carried out, except the Church herself be spiritually alive. It is the Church's association with God in Christ that gives her spiritual power in the world. If the Church bears a faithful witness, and men do not heed it, then those who ignore it condemn themselves to remain in the sin that kills (unbelief). Those who do heed the witness find the life that is eternal (John 20: 31). "Whosoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained." (See also John 11: 26).

Is the Church spiritually alive, or is she "sick unto death"? No truer test of Christ being with His Church is possible than the test demanded by the disciples of John the Baptist of Jesus in Matthew 11: 2-6, where they ask if He is the Christ or should they look for another. "Go and tell John what you see," said Jesus, "the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached unto them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me." The test is, "If Christ is with His Church and she is spiritually alive, these things are happening." They are happening wherever men confess Him Lord and God.

In the charge to Peter to "feed my lambs", Christ delivers a pastoral responsibility to His Church. Her witness to Christ must coincide with a concern about the needs of men. Love toward Christ is manifested in love towards His flock, men towards the one-hundredth who has wandered



GARDEN EXPERT

Bob Keith, of Richmond Hill, who has been discussing gardens, and telling listeners how to keep them growing, in his "Ontario Gardener" broadcast since early in 1944. A digest of his talks, given over mid-east stations of the CBC Trans-Canada network each Sunday, at 10:20 a.m. EST, following "Neighborhood News," is contained in "The Ontario Gardener's Handbook," shortly to be published by the CBC.

SUCCESSFUL PUPILS OF MISS LYNDA STEWART AT MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

The following pupils of Miss Lynda Stewart, ATOM, LESAM, were successful in the recent theory examinations at the Toronto Conservatory of Music:

Grade II Theory — First Class Honours, Doris Wilson (94).

Grade III, Harmony, honors—Kenneth Harrison.

Grade III, History — First Class Honors, Margaret Rossel, Jean Ruedell; Honors, Ingeborg Hauptmann, Alfred Toet; Pass, Shirley McNally.

MRS. DONNA RYAN PURCHASES LOCAL BEAUTY PARLOUR

Lilloco's Beauty Salon, established here twenty-two years ago by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lilloco has been sold to Mrs. Donna Ryan of Toronto. Since Mr. Lilloco's death last summer, the business has been conducted by his wife and Mrs. Lilloco will be staying for awhile to work with the new owner.

Mrs. Ryan has had twelve years' experience as a hairdresser and operated her own business in Toronto for six years. For the past few years she has been employed with the Yonge Street firm of Kennedy-Gilroy Ltd. She intends making her home here.

away and suffered, as well as towards the ninety-and-nine. It is easy for religious people to retire within their own piety, enjoying as they think their "faith" (?), and condemning or ignoring the sins and wants of others. When that happens, however, there is no Christian faith or piety, for faith and piety fall when such a course is pursued. There is no authentic love for Christ which does not express itself in anxiety for the welfare of all men or whom Christ died.

The lessons for the next Quarter are entitled: "The Rise and Fall of a Nation," having to do with the history of the rise and fall of the Hebrew Nation.

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