

# Sunday School.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. 1.  
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Jesus Visits Tyre and Sidon.—Mark 7: 24-37  
COMMENTARY.—I. A mother's plea (vs. 24-26). 24. From thence he arose—that is, after leaving the discourse at Capernaum. Ederheim thinks that Jesus and the twelve apostles went immediately to the north country, while others think there was a short delay in, or near, Capernaum before starting out. Borders of Tyre and Sidon.—Tyre and Sidon were heathen cities on the east coast of the Mediterranean Sea. They were the principal cities of Phoenicia, a country northwest of Capernaum, and which lay between the Lebanon mountains and the Mediterranean Sea. They were ancient and important cities, and here they signify the whole Phoenician district. Jesus had never visited the country before, and now it is not clear whether he really entered heathendom, or stopped just outside, near the border. Into an house—in all probability the house of a Jew. Ederheim thinks he must have tarried here several days; the fact that he desired to be kept hid, but could not, would suggest this. No man knew it—He judged it proper to conceal himself awhile from the Pharisees, who were plotting against him, and not to be seen by the children of the street. It seems that he was personally known to many in this country, who had seen and heard of him in Galilee.

25. Whose young daughter.—The actual sufferings of the daughter were great, but the sufferings which the mother endured by sympathy were still greater. Our sufferings for others are great in proportion to the amount of love we have for them. Hence the mother's sufferer on earth was Christ, an unclean spirit—Matthew says her daughter was grievously vexed with a devil. This was certainly a sad case. Nothing can destroy the peace of a home more than to have a daughter possessed with Satanic influences. The spirit that possessed this girl was unclean—a vile spirit. At his feet—This at once shows the humility of the woman; she assumed the most lowly attitude possible as she appeals to Jesus.

26. Woman was a Greek.—By language.—Gentile. The Jews called those who were idolaters Greeks, or Gentiles. A Syrophenician.—A Syrophenician, Phoenician belonged to the Roman province Syria. "She was a Syrian of Phoenicia."—Matthew says, she "was a woman of Canaan." During the earliest times of Jewish history several tribes of Canaanites, who were the original inhabitants of Palestine, had retired northward before the Israelites. From these the Phoenicians were descended.—Lazarus brought him. Earnestly entreated him. The case was an urgent one, and, on her knees, at his feet, she poured out her request. Would you do this, Matthew says, she cried unto him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David." She pleaded for mercy; she knew she could make no claim upon him in any other way. The woman recognized Jesus as the Jewish Messiah; she called him "Lord" and "The son of David"—terms distinctly Jewish. "The state of this woman is a proper emblem of the state of a heathen deeply conscious of the misery of his soul."—Clarke. The devil, etc. Here is a plain straightforward confession. There is no effort to cover up the family troubles, and give over matters to the gods to appear, that, after all, her daughter is "quite respectable."

II. Faith triumphing, vs. 27-30. 27. Jesus said.—This woman's discouragements were great. Her advantages had been small. She was a heathen woman with but little means of even obtaining the light of the Hebrew Scriptures. 2. At first Jesus did not reply to her request, Matt. vi. 24. 3. The disciples besought him to send her away. 4. When Jesus did speak he

seemed to repel her. The soul seeking salvation, frequently meets these same tests, and many become discouraged by them. The Children—The Jews. First he filled—They are the favored people. "The gospel was first to be offered to the Jews, and to them our Lord's personal ministrations were chiefly restricted." Jesus told her His blessings were for the lost of Israel, Matt. "This would have caused people with ordinary faith to have given up the struggle, but not so with this woman, she came now and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me (Matt.). Not meet—it is not suitable—not the proper thing to do. Children's blessing—To take those blessings that belong to the Jews. Unto the dogs—That was the severest test of all. The Gentiles were considered by the Jewish people as no better than dogs, and Jesus only used a form of speech which was common; but it must have been very offensive to the heathen. Would this woman resent it? Would her pride at last be stirred. No. She "sprung and shriveled" into nothingness at his feet, and her faith still held on for the desired blessing.

28. Yes, Lord—"Truth, Lord," Matt. It is all so. The Jews—the favored ones ought to be blessed first. I know I am heathen; only a Gentile dog. Yet—Now follows (1) an answer to his argument against entertaining her petition, and (2) a most touching appeal to his clemency. The dogs—That of the children of crumbs. "I only ask such kindness as the dogs of my family enjoy." If I am a dog give me at least a dog's fare.

29. For this saying—Her faith had triumphed. Jesus said, "O woman, great is thy faith" (Matt.). There were several other graces that shone bright in her; wisdom, humility, meekness, patience, perseverance in prayer; but these were the product of her faith, and therefore Christ commended that, because of all graces, faith honors Christ most; therefore, of all graces, Christ honors faith most.—Benson. Devil is gone—Now, at this very moment, thy request is granted. Though our Lord's mission was to the lost sheep of Israel, yet he always honors personal faith in himself, wherever found. "Persevering faith and prayer are next to omnipotent. No person can thus pray and believe without receiving all his soul requires."—Clarke.

III. A man healed (vs. 31-37). 31. Departing—Leaving the "borders" of Phoenicia, Jesus made a circuit to the southeast. He crossed the Jordan and sought seclusion in Decapolis, southeast of the Sea of Galilee. 32. Obedience.—The healing of this man is related only by Mark, an impediment—He was not a mute, but a stammerer. Desech—Earnestly entreat. This shows their faith in Christ's ability. 33. Took him aside.—The man would have more deeply impressed, and a public healing would cause the people to come together in great crowds. Put his fingers, etc.—Some external sign was needed to show to others that the result really proceeded from Christ. He put his fingers into his ears to mark the ear-drum that was to be quickened; he spit and touched his tongue to show that its stiffened muscles must be lubricated to limberness; he looked up into heaven to show that the source of power was God; he spoke the word to mark that the effect was instant in time upon the command.—Whedon. 34. Sighed—Christ's sympathies were touched, and he sighed when he saw the suffering and sorrow around him. Ephphatha.—The actual Aramaic word used by our Lord.—Maclear. 35. Spoke plain.—When Christ undertakes a case he always does a complete work. In verses 36 and 37 Jesus charged them to tell no man, but they published it so much the more and were astonished beyond measure.

A great life that could not be hid. Many lives are small, narrow and narrow. They are easily concealed and their owners are never sought out by the great busy crowds that hunger for comfort, for strength, for information, for noble, the good, the unselfish, they alone live the lives that are worth living. Such a life was that of Jesus. When the beneficence of His mission became known, hands were stretched out to Him from every direction. Everywhere weary hearts poured out to Him their burdens. Everywhere were bodies to be healed, spirits to be subdued and set free, and souls to be saved. To this coming appeal of a needy world Christ gave an affectionate and effective response.

The superlative value of humility. No grace is so rare, so precious, as humility. Upon its possessors are poured out the richest blessings. It is representative of the noble, as being absolutely essential to the soul that desires spiritual exaltation. It may adorn the brows of kings it may lend a charming grace to the walk of the lowly. Christ discovered it in the heart; the Syrophenician woman, and it won for her the one great favor she desired above all others—the healing of her daughter. This incident illustrates clearly the fact that we may, by assuming a becoming attitude in our relations to God, bring rich blessings to others. There is no limit to God's goodness when he beholds a humble soul prostrate before him.

God's love for the whole world. The gift of Christ was to the world. "To the Jew first, but also to the Gentile." Christ revealed His kindly sympathy and abounding love. No racial prejudices restrained His unbounded compassion. No ecclesiastical bigotry led Him to look with disdain upon the needy of any class. "For God so loved the world"—the world in the largest sense, the teeming mass of its population—"that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish." This whosoever included the Roman centurion and the Syrophenician woman as well as the orthodox Jew.

"The hearing ear." Deafness is a sore affliction and excludes the unfortunate from a thousand common joys of life. In this busy world, so replete with jarring sounds and charming music, he dwells in profound silence. Because of this unavoidable scission his perceptions become, in some measure at least, weakened, and he is likely to give himself largely to the consideration of his own personal thoughts and feelings. But what a world of new

# THE AMEER OF AFGHANISTAN.

## Rumor Current That He Has Been Poisoned.



St. Petersburg, March 28.—A despatch received from Ashkabad, the capital of the Russian Trans-Caspian territory, says a rumor is current here that the Ameer of Afghanistan Ameeb Habulla Khan, G. C. M. G., the ruler of Afghanistan, was born in 1872 and succeeded to the throne October 7, 1901. By agreement with Britain the Ameer has no foreign relations with any power except the Government of India. In all other respects the country is independent. Afghanistan receives a subsidy of £120,000 yearly from the Indian Government.

ideas and what a flood of new unguitions must have swept into the soul of the man whose ears were opened by the power of Jesus that day. No wonder that Jesus could not be hid. It is not at all strange that the more he made the sufferer not to tell what he had done for him, the more he went everywhere telling the glad tidings. The speaking tongue. We can quite fully appreciate the embarrassment and mortification of the man who was conscious of the fact that he had a tongue, but could not use it, even in ordinary conversation. No doubt when the string of his tongue was loosed, he least no time in recounting his friends of the fact by actual demonstration. The power of speech is an inestimable blessing and should be the cause of daily thanksgiving to the Giver. This especially is the case when the string of the tongue is loosed, that has, through fear of shame, been silent in testimony, and in praise, and in worship. The eloquence of such a tongue is wont to bring joy and wonder to all hearers. All Christians should pray for the speakings and should use our tongues to proclaim his love even in the midst of his enemies.

ALBERT H. STILLWELL.  
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The Speaker Will See to That.  
(Toronto News.)  
Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Borden shook hands cordially before the opening of the Parliamentary session. The fight will be conducted with the greatest good humor and regard for the rules of the game.

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Former Baseball Star Redeems Two States in Forty Days.

Chicago, Ill., March 29.—William A. Sunday, once the fastest sprinter on the diamond, a star in Capt. Anson's Chicago team of the early 80's, is the hero of religious crusade that has won 150,000 persons in 40 days.

For 40 days a religious temper has been sweeping over Northern Illinois and Eastern Iowa. In Sterling, Ill., the storm center, at one series of meetings, a record of 2,647 converts has been converted. Whole communities have been converted. In Sterling and Rockfalls, two cities with a combined population of 12,000, every form of sinful amusement has been abandoned.

Disa, Rochelle, Fulton, Morrison, Lyndon, Phosphorston, and Tampico, sent excursion trains run from each night of 50 to 75 miles, carrying to the meetings great crowds of young and old, saints

# The Markets.

British Live Stock Markets.  
London, March 27.—Live cattle easier: 11-14 to 12c for steers, dressed weight; refrigerator beef, 8 to 8-14c per lb. Sheep, slow, 13 to 13-12c per lb.

Leading Wheat Markets.  
Following are the closing quotations at important wheat centres to-day:  
New York ..... Cash. May. 92-4  
Chicago ..... 100 ..... 92-2  
Duluth, N. D. .... 94-3-8 94-8

Toronto Flour Market.  
The grain offerings were small to-day, owing to bad condition of country roads. No wheat, which is purely nominal. One load of barley sold at 48c; and 100 bush of oats at 38 to 40c.

Hay in limited supply with prices firm; 20 loads sold at \$11 to \$14 a ton for timothy, and \$9 for mixed. One load of straw sold at \$9 a ton. Dressed hogs are unchanged, with heavy selling at 86.25, and light at \$6.75. Following are the quotations: Wheat, white, bush, 97 to 97-1/2; 98; wheat, red, bush, 97 to 97-1/2; 98; spring, bush, 95 to 96; wheat, goose, bush, 86 to 87; oats, bush, 38 to 40; peas, bush, 68 to 70; barley, bush, 47 1/2 to 48; timothy, 100 bush, \$11 to \$12; clover, per ton, \$10 to \$11; seeds, red clover, bush, \$6 to \$6-3/4; seeds, timothy, 100 lbs. \$22-25 to \$23; apples, per bush, \$1.50 to \$2; dressed hogs, 80.25 to 86.75; eggs, new laid, per doz, 23 to 24; butter, dairy, 19 to 22c; butter, creamery, 23 to 26; chickens, per lb., 12 to 15c; geese, per lb., 12 to 13c; ducks, per lb., 12 to 13c; turkeys, per lb., 16 to 18c; potatoes, per bag, 85 to \$1.10; cabbage, per dozen, 10 and 7c; cauliflower, per dozen, \$1.25 to \$1.75; celery, per doz, 40 to 70c; beef, forequarters, \$5 to \$6.50; beef, choice, carcass, \$7 to \$7.50; beef, medium, carcass, \$3 to \$6.50; lamb, yearling, \$9 to \$10; mutton, per cwt., \$7 to \$8, veal, per cwt., \$8 to \$10.

Toronto Cattle Market.  
Receipts of live stock at the City Market, as reported by Messrs. Hay & Fox, of the G.R. and C.P.R., since last Friday, were 34 carloads, consisting of 369 cattle, 1,001 hogs, 303 sheep and 20 calves. One load of the above were Chicago cattle, and two loads of stockers in transit.

The quantity of fat cattle was fairly good, some few choice lots of butcher's cattle being sold. Trade was good for choice butchers, seeing that Easter is near at hand, but for exporters and common to medium butchers the market was dull, with prices easier. Some of the drovers were complaining bitterly of having lost money. A few feeders and stockers are coming forward, which fills a ready market at quotations given below. About a dozen milk cows and springers were offered, few of which were of good quality. The run of seal calves was not large, prices for which are steady. The deliveries of sheep and lambs were not large, and prices were firm. Hogs—deliveries of hogs since Saturday amounted to about 1,000. Prices ranged from \$7 to \$5.15 for straight loads of selects. The packing houses quoted \$3.12c last week, and paid \$3.25 and \$3.37c. This information was given by reliable drovers who got the money. Prices at various points in the country range from \$1.65 to \$4.75 per cwt.

Drovers say that the Laing Packing Company, of Montreal, offered \$5.50 per cwt., for hogs, delivered at Montreal, from points east of Toronto. Exporters—Best lots of exporters sold at \$4.40 to \$4.60 per cwt. Export bulls—Choice quality bulls are worth \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt. Export cows—Export cows are worth \$3.40 to \$3.75 per cwt. Butcher's cattle—Choice picked lots of butchers' 2,000 to 1,150 lbs. each, equal in quality to best exporters, are worth \$4.40 to \$4.60; loads of good sold at \$4 to \$4.20; fair to good, \$3.20 to \$3.85; common \$3.25 to \$3.50; rough to inferior, \$3.25 to \$2.50 to \$2.75. Feeders—Steers of good quality, 1,050 to 1,150 lbs., each, at \$3.75 to \$4.12c per cwt. Stockers—One year to 2-year-old steers, 400 to 700 lbs., each, are worth \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.; off-colors and of poor breeding quality of same weights are worth \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt. Milk cows—Milk cows well springers are worth \$30 to \$50 each. Calves—Calves sold at \$2 to \$10 each, or from \$4.50 to \$6 per cwt. Sheep—Prices, \$3.75 to \$4.25 per cwt. for ewes and bucks at \$3 to \$3.50.

Yearling lambs—Prices for grain-fed, choice ewes and wethers for export, \$5.40 to \$6; barnyard lambs at \$5 to \$5.25. Spring lambs—Good spring lambs worth \$6 to \$9 each. Hogs—Straight loads of hogs, 150 to 200 lbs. in weight, were sold at \$5 to \$5.15 per cwt.

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# THE SEALING CLAIMS.

## Russian Commissioners Have Changed Front on the Question.

Ottawa, March 28.—Inquiries here established the fact that the Russian commissioners who met in London the British and Canadian representatives, in order to assess the damages due to Canada for the seizure of Canadian sealers, have shifted their ground, and now ask for the establishment of new regulations to govern sealing in the sea waters. The Government here has instructed the representative, Mr. Little, that the object of the new conference is to assess the damages, and that only. Hence, if the Russian representatives persist in their present attitude, Canada's representative must withdraw. The Russians have applied for a revision of the regulations, with the object of prohibiting pelagic sealing. This is what the United States has been contending for some years past. It is a Russian seal that asks Canada to sell out and withdraw from the seal fisheries. Some years ago the Russians seized a number of U. S. and Canadian sealers. Both the United States and Canada protested that the seizures were illegal. It was arranged that if the seizures were found to be illegal, Russia should pay compensation. The United States claims were first considered, and Canada agreed that it would accept the verdict in that case. The ill-gality was proven, and the United States vessels got their compensation. Now the only question to decide what damages are to be paid to Canadian vessels, yet at the very last moment Russia comes in with a proposition that is altogether foreign to the object for which the conference had been convened. The United States has been endeavoring for a long time to change the existing regulations governing seal, and may be responsible for the change of front on Russia's part.

# CHARGE AGAINST CHIEF.

## Brantford Constable Appears Before Police Commissioners.

Brantford despatch; Police Constable Allan was on the carpet before the Board of Police Commissioners this afternoon, and some interesting evidence was submitted touching the police management of the Irene Cole murder. He was arraigned to answer to a charge made by Chief Vaughan, of the force, that Allan had made statements criticizing the conduct of the case, and had maliciously declared that the chief and Sergt. Wallace had sworn falsely at the Kennedy trial. Mr. W. C. Livingston was in attendance as counsel for Constable Allan when the proceedings opened, but he was subsequently asked to withdraw, as the commissioners did not consider that it was proper that counsel should be present in a case of this nature. The evidence was to the effect that Allan had said openly that Chief Vaughan and Sergt. Wallace were false at the Kennedy trial when they said they knew nothing of the biscuit box which had been found in the Willows, for he himself had taken the box to the chief and explained that it had been hidden by a man resembling Kennedy, who had cleared out immediately after the crime. Further, he claimed he had been deprived of a \$25 liquor fine which was his by right. Constable Allan objected to the charges, and wanted counsel. The commissioners adjourned the case until Thursday. It is said the constable will make charges in his own behalf. The police department this year want \$8,400 to run the force, which will be increased from 9 to 11 men; last year the board got \$6,500.

# MAPLE LEAF DOGGEREL.

## Canon Welch Casts Reflections on the Popular Canadian Song.

Toronto, March 28.—Canon Welch took for the subject of his noon-day address at St. James' Cathedral yesterday, "Citizenship and Politics in Canada." He said, not only a great prophet, but a statesman. He worked at a time when politics were corrupt, because religion had become formal and worthless. Men said, "Don't talk about God in relation to political affairs." The people are responsible, said the speaker for the purity of the politics of a nation. The national character must influence public life, and to reform politics the people must be regenerated. Every country, now as in the days of Isaiah, must have a healthy public opinion, and so long as dishonesty and fraud are tolerated, just so long will they flourish. Speaking of patriotism in closing, he said, "Instead of teaching our boys and girls the doggerel about a maple leaf in order to make them good Canadians, let us teach them to love truth, honesty, and then they will become true and enduring patriots."

# HAD A RIGHT TO DO IT.

## Detective Says Alleged Murderer Made a Confession.

Montreal, March 28.—In the trial of Belanger for the alleged murder of his brother-in-law, Seguin, which is proceeding at St. Charles, Detective McCaskill, of Montreal, who arrested Belanger, was called to the witness stand today and told of the confession which it is alleged Belanger made to him, McCaskill, in the course of his evidence, said that in the hotel at St. Eastmain, Belanger had known the blood found in his place was not pig's or sheep's blood, but Seguin's blood, and that some enemy had put it in his premises to connect him with the crime. When prisoner was arrested the party drove to St. Charles, and there prisoner said: "I did it, and I had a right to do it." "Why" asked the detective, "because he has brought dishonor on my daughter." "The reason there are so many old maids," says the Cynical Spinster, "is because all the good men are married."



Miss Rose Peterson, Secretary Parkdale Tennis Club, Chicago, from experience advises all young girls who have pains and sickness peculiar to their sex, to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

How many beautiful young girls develop into worn, listless and hopeless women, simply because sufficient attention has not been paid to their physical development. No woman is exempt from physical weakness and periodic pain, and young girls just budding into womanhood should be carefully guided physically as well as morally. Another woman, Miss Hannah E. Mershon, Colingswood, N.J., says:

"I thought I would write and tell you that, by following your kind advice, I feel like a new person. I was thin and delicate, and so weak that I could hardly do anything. Menstruation was irregular.

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