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**SUNDAY SCHOOL
LESSON**

Lesson for April 7
Golden Text—Ye are my friends,
if ye do whatsoever I command
you.—John 15:14

The Lesson as a Whole
While the present lesson is made up of a number of short passages taken from three different Gospels, there is, nevertheless, a beautiful moral order linking them all together. In the Book of Proverbs (chap. 18:24) we read of a "friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Jesus Christ was such a friend to the children, to His disciples, to the women who had learned to appreciate and understand Him, to all kinds of sinners who needed His grace, and to honest seekers, such as Nicodemus, who desired to know the truth He had come to reveal. The friendliness of the Lord Jesus Christ drew to Him these and many others, who needed just such a kindly One as He deliver them from their sins and to assist them in their trials.

In Christ's attitude toward all such, we see an exhibition of the friendliness or, as the apostle put it, the philanthropy of God. I refer to Titus 3:4. It is this very word philanthropy which is there translated "love.....toward man." The Lord Jesus, God manifest in the flesh, exhibited the very heart of God as He came seeking to save the lost. When those thus sought after responded to His love by obedience to His words, He designated them as His friends in a very special sense. He said to His disciples: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth; but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you" (John 15:13-15).

This precious passage should give us all to realize how He cherishes the regard of those friends who have learned to love and adore Him.

Verse by Verse
Mark 10:13—"They brought young children to him, that he should touch them." His disciples thought this was an imposition, as though it was below the dignity of their Master to be occupied with the little ones. But Jesus is the Friend of the children, as He at once made manifest.

Verse 14.—"Suffer the little child to come unto me, and forbid them not." Children are the ideal converts. When old enough to understand the story of the Lord Jesus, they are old enough to come to Him in trustful confidence. Those enter into the Kingdom of God when older and wiser ones, according to human standards, refuse to enter.

Luke 6:13-16.—"His disciples..... of them he chose twelve." Out of the large circle of those who were learning at His feet, He selected twelve who were to have a special place of nearness to Himself. They were called into closest friendship with Him, in order that they might carry His Gospel to the wide world. They came from various walks of life. Of them all, Judas, the man of Kerioth (in Judea), was, perhaps, the only one who might have been esteemed a gentleman in that day, and he, while pretending to be a friend of Jesus, betrayed Him. The three years or more of friendly association with the Master wrought wonders in the lives of all the other eleven. Judas alone failed to respond to the heart of the Son of God.

Chap. 8:1.—"The twelve were with him." As He went from place to place, the twelve accompanied Him, experiencing many blessed evidences of His friendly interest, and learning from His lips the great truths He came to unfold.

Verse 2.—"Certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits." Mary is mentioned by name. Once, under terrible Satanic influence, she had been freed by the Lord Jesus Christ and became one of His most devoted friends.

Verse 3.—"Many others, which ministered unto him of their substance." The devotion of holy women often exceeds that of men. Joanna, of whom we know nothing except that she was the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, of whom we know even less, were among those who in their loving friendship for Jesus Christ gave of their means in order to minister to His comfort. It is a remarkable fact that He, who created all things, deigned to be indebted to such as these devoted women for the wherewithal to meet the requirements of each day.

Chap. 15:1.—"Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners." These, whom the self-righteous despised and upon whom the proud, haughty religious leaders looked with contempt, were by grace divine numbered among the friends of the Lord Jesus. It was to reach such that He came from Heaven, and He was never more at home than in ministering to them.

Verse 2.—"This man receiveth sinners." When the Pharisees complained in this way they little realized that they were declaring a glorious truth. The sad thing was

that they did not seem to understand that they, too, were sinners, who needed just such a Saviour as He, with whom they found fault because of His interest in the despised and lowly.

John 3:1.—"A man of the Pharisee, named Nicodemus." Here was a Pharisee who became a true friend of Jesus. In later days, he defended Him in the high council (John 7:50, 51) and brought a hundred pounds of spices for His burial (John 19:39).

Verse 2.—"The same came to Jesus by night." Anxious to know the truth, Nicodemus sought the Lord Jesus Christ out after the ministry of the day was done, where in quiet and seclusion he could talk things over with the Teacher, whom he recognized as having come from God. To him the Lord unfolded the truth concerning the need of the new birth from above and the way to obtain life everlasting through faith in the One sent of the Father, who was to be lifted up that men might be saved.

The Heart of the Lesson
In another striking passage in the Book of Proverbs we read, "Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not" (chap. 27:10). The Lord Jesus is such a Friend. He has been the Friend of our fathers and our mothers in past generations. He is our Friend today. We are indebted to Him for all blessings that we enjoy, whether temporal or eternal, material or spiritual. His heart is ever toward us. Happy is it for us if we respond to His love and appreciate His kindly attitude, so that we are in the truest sense numbered among His friends.

PRICE CEILING TO GO?
The Government will shortly be advised that it must now face "an orderly retreat" from the present level of ceiling prices, predicts the Ottawa editor of The Financial Post.

Here's what is looked for:
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