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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for Jan. 14
Golden Text.—Jesus went about
all the cities and villages, teaching
in their synagogues, and preaching
the gospel of the kingdom, and
healing every sickness and every
disease among the people.
—Matt 9:35

THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

Approach to the Lesson
Capernaum, on the Sea of Galle-
lee, was the nearest thing to head-
quarters that Jesus had during His
years of ministry. Even there,
there was no attempt at perman-
ency. "The foxes have holes, and
the birds of the air have nests; but
the Son of man hath not where to
lay his head" (Matt. 8:20). He
might have made Nazareth His
centre, but Luke records His
utter rejection by His own towns-
people (Luke 4:28-31). Besides,
there was prophetic reason for
establishing Himself in Capernaum
(Matt. 4:13-16; Isa. 9:1, 2).
The fact that our Lord so signally
honored this city laid a grave
responsibility upon it, and its
neglect of that responsibility
brought upon it terrible condem-
nation (Matt. 11:23, 24).
Apart from our Lord's ministry,
Capernaum has little claim to
historical note. Josephus, the Jew-
ish soldier-historian (A.D. 37 to
after A.D. 100), tells us that during
the war between the Romans and
the Jews he was directing an
important action when his horse
fell into a quagmire. Being thrown
from his horse, he was hurt, and
carried into Capernaum. By that
time the city had become a mere
village. Nothing remains of it to-
day. A synagogue has been exca-
vated on what is believed to be the
site of the city, and while the
building is attributed to the second
century, the floor may well be that
trodden by the blessed feet of the
Saviour.

Verse by Verse

Mark 1:21.—"The sabbath.....
the synagogue." God's day and
God's house were both precious to
our Lord, and He knew the correct
use of them, not for bondage
and ritual, but for glad commu-
nion and worship and testimony.
Even more than David He could
say, "I was glad when they said
unto me, Let us go into the house
of the Lord" (Psa. 122:1). It was
His privilege as a rabbi to teach
in the synagogues, whose relation
to the Temple was somewhat like
that of a parish church to the
cathedral of a diocese. There were,
of course, no sacrifices offered in
the synagogues. They were rather
places of instruction.

Verse 22.—"He taught..... as one
that had authority." His complete
sense of being sent from God gave
conviction to His utterances, and
the essential truth that He spoke,
with all the weight of His unique
personality behind it, brought His
hearers face to face with ultimate
reality, which was the missing
note in the teaching of the scribes.
His constant appeal to the Scrip-
tures of the Old Testament, rather
than to Rabbi So-and-so, added
weight to His utterances. (See
Matt. 5:17-19).

Verse 29.—"Out of the syna-
gogue..... into the house." Some
leave their "religion" in church,
and wear a very different dress at
home. Jesus was the same minis-
ter of God wherever He went.

Verse 30.—"And anon they tell
him." Happy is the home where
they "tell it to Jesus." No home
situation is too hard for Him. They
did not wait until they had tried
all other remedies, but took the
case immediately to Jesus.

Verse 31.—"He..... took her by
the hand." The touch of His hand
on mine" lifts me into a new life,
dispels the fevers of passion, and
makes me His partner in glad
service. The hand touched by His
hand is forever dedicated to min-
istry. The healing was instantane-
ous, without a period of convales-
cence, such as fever patients
usually require.

Verse 32.—"At even." Meantime,
the news of the healing of the
demoniac in the synagogue had
become the talk of the town, and,
the Sabbath being over at sun-
down, people came with their bur-
dens — invalids on pallets, and
other sufferers.

Verse 33.—"All the city." Needy

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Pickering Milk Truck Plan Hailed 'Success' Despite Hurdles

Formation of trucking co-opera-
tives by dairy farmers to lower
the cost of getting milk to urban
markets is spreading in Ontario,
despite opposition from some parts
of the trucking industry.

Such co-ops are now bringing
milk into Toronto from the Pick-
ering area, into Sault Ste. Marie
from the Thessalon district, into
Brockville from South Augusta
farmers, and a new one is just
getting under way in the Sud-
bury area.

The annual meeting of the
Ontario Whole Milk Producers'
league received a report on the
co-ops Wednesday with great
enthusiasm and several delegates
urged that many more be estab-
lished.

Reporting on the new co-op at
Pickering, Allan Lishman said the
truck now picks up 80 cans of milk
and is saving farmers five cents on
each one. As the truck's load in-
creases, Mr. Lishman said, the
savings will amount to 10 cents.
The truck makes a 90-mile daily
round trip.

"The more co-operatives we
have, the better position we will
be in to negotiate with producers,"
he commented. "Many of you don't
realize the rights you have under
legislation to form trucking co-
ops. And there are some people
who don't want you to do it."

Roy Lick, secretary-treasurer of
the league, said the milk producers
had had a difficult time in con-
vincing the government to amend
the legislation to allow trucking
co-ops.

"The people in Pickering had
opposition in forming their co-op,"
Mr. Lick stated, "but it was noth-
ing to what the farmers in South
Augusta faced. They were threat-
ened with prosecution if they per-
sisted in delivering milk. So the
league told them to go ahead, any-
way, and we would pay the fine.
There was no prosecution and
they are doing fine."

PLENTY OF NOTHING

A new purse for women has a
light that snicks on when the
purse is opened. A man does not
need a light in his purse to know
that he has no money in it.

people will throng where real help
is available. If only the reality of
Christ is demonstrated in His
people, there will not be wanting
those who say, "Tell us of your
God." How full of need our cities
are.

Verse 34.—"He healed many.....
and suffered not the devils to
speak." How many did He heal?
Luke says "every one of them"
(Luke 4:40). No case is beyond
His practice. Our Lord does not
desire the testimony of demons,
but He seeks the testimony of
redeemed sinners. Compare Mark
3:11, 12 with 5:18, 19, and see
Paul's experience in Acts 16:16-18.

Verse 35.—"In the morning.....
a solitary place." Here are two
essentials for a true prayer life.
Let it be first thing in the morn-
ing (besides many times during
day), and let it be in secret. Fam-
ily prayer and church prayer will
be all the better for the closet
prayer. Read on and notice that,
while the disciples were interested
in the popular clamor, the Man of
prayer was bent on the Father's
will (vs. 36-38).

The Heart of the Lesson

Wherever Jesus went, human
need gravitated to Him like steel
filings to a magnet. In the syna-
gogue, amid the wondering curios-
ity of the crowd, the poor
demoniac searched Him out. In
the home, the sickbed commanded
His first attention. His presence
on the city street called out a con-
course of needy folk.

At even, ere the sun was set,
The sick, O Lord, around Thee lay:
Oh, in what divers pains they met!
Oh, with what joy they went away!

Once more 'tis eventide and we,
Oppressed with various ills, draw
near;

What if Thy form we cannot see,
We know and feel that Thou art
here.

Thy touch has still its ancient
power;
No word from Thee can fruitless
fall:
Hear in this solemn evening hour,
And in Thy mercy heal us all.
—Henry Twells

There is no record of coming to
Jesus with a need and being turned
away. See John 6:37.

It used to be said of a certain
preacher that when he was in the
pulpit he should never come out of
it, and when he was out of it
he should never go into it. How
different our blessed Lord, who
carried the same spirit and power
to bless into the home and
thoroughfare as into the sanctuary!
The secret of this consistency of
power, and of this complete indif-
ference to popular clamor which
appears right after the lesson
portion, is found in verse 35. Even
when others were sleeping, Jesus
was praying. The morning watch
in the solitary place kept the line
open and the channel clear. For
vision, direction, and effectiveness,
we absolutely must have time
alone with God.

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Evening Session at 7.30 p.m.

Champion Plowmen Sailed on Friday

The fourth team of champion
Canadian plowmen in as many
years sailed January 5th to take
part in matches and to observe
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tions abroad.

The champion plowmen are 28-
year-old Hugh A. Leslie of George-
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medallists in the Esso Trans-
Atlantic tractor and horse plowing
classes respectively at the Inter-
national Plowing Match held near
Alliston last October. V. C. Port-
eous, former member of parlia-
ment and past president of the
Ontario Plowmen's Association,
accompanied the plowmen as
team manager.

The three sailed from New York
aboard the Queen Mary for a
month's tour of the United King-
dom as guests of Imperial Oil,
sponsors of the Trans-Atlantic
plowing classes. Before taking
part in the British matches they
will spend two weeks on the Con-
tinent at their own expense.

For all members of the plowing
team this will be their first over-
seas trip. All are anxious to see
how things are done on the other
side of the Atlantic and to visit
the many points of historic interest
there. They will fly back to Can-
ada about February 16th.

TECHNOLOGY WORSHIP SEEN AS DOOMING U.S.

A Princeton university histor-
ian says that American civilization
may be dying because the U.S. is
thinking more and more of tech-
nical progress rather than trying
to achieve spiritual ends.

Rudolph A. Cleman, addressing
the American Historical associa-
tion's convention last week, com-
pared the U.S. with the Roman
empire during its decline.

"The practical Roman empire
perished," he said. "We have seen
other practical ones perish also, in
which technology was worshipped
above all other values."

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