

HISTORY'S HERO AND HIS GREAT DAY

The International Sunday School Lesson For May 19th is "Jesus Exercising Kingly Authority."—Mark 11:1-33

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Hundreds of thousands of persons have seen the large picture, "The Conquerors" which was exhibited at the Chicago Fair, and has since been on exhibition in Philadelphia. No one who has ever looked upon it can ever forget it. The canvas portrays the world's great conquerors marching, with banners and insignia, in a solid column that dwindles off into the indistinguishable distance. There we see Napoleon and Caesar and Alexander and Charlemagne and Cyrus and Xerxes and Cromwell, and the other men who beheld the world of their feet.

Two facts about the great picture at once suggest themselves to the thoughtful observer. The first is that these conquerors come to glory by a pathway of death, destruction and desolation. The canvas is repellent to some sensitive natures because of the two long lines of stark, grim, gray corpses that flank the conquerors on either side. What a price humanity had to pay that these men might wear the laurel!

The other obvious remark is that the greatest of the world's conquerors is not represented. The victors of Alexander and Napoleon were inconsequent and ephemeral beside the conquest of Jesus. The veriest tiro in historical study must perceive that the outstanding hero of the past nineteen centuries is the gentle

the perfect One. Learning lays its laurels at the feet of a humble Teacher who kept school at Blue Galilee. Medicine esteemed as its highest honor the fact that it walks in the footsteps of the great Physician. Art has reserved its highest honors for the delineation of the person of the Saviour. The lawyer harks back to the dicta of the Messiah for the noblest code that can govern the conduct of men in their relation one with another. Philosophy confesses that the greatest of philosophers was he whose teachings were so new that they startled the philosophers who first heard them, and whose gentle speech expressed the highest wisdom. The religious impulses of mankind find in Him "the one altogether lovely." The continual coronation of Christ is the sublimest spectacle of the centuries.

"Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all." Of all this, how little conception had the multitude which eagerly carpeted His path with their garments and with branches hastily stripped from the palm trees! And how little the baffled Pharisees understood that their disappointed contention "how the world has gone after Him," was in truth a prophecy of that day, now arrived, when Jesus should be the centre of the stage of the universe.

Men do not understand themselves and their own actions, much less their neighbor and his deeds. "No-body, save the lonely and sad-hearted Man who rode at the center of this demonstration, received its significance as a startling fulfillment of the inspired Scriptures. Ever His disciples heeded the light that came by the Spirit's descent after the ascension of Jesus to enable them to interpret it. Tomorrow is always needed to illuminate today. We walk all unseeing through life; therefore we should walk gently and humbly.

Hate For Hero.

Today it is the fashion to praise Jesus. Even the men who honor Him least in their conduct, and deny Him the allegiance of their lives are quick to pay tribute to His character and to His teachings. In this atmosphere of universal laudation the Son of Mary it is not easy to realize the intense, bitter and unreasoning hatred with which Jesus was viewed by the Pharisees and Priests. He was "hated for himself because He was a non-conformist, and a newcomer with unconventional teachings. The old is the enemy of the new; "things as they are" are the worst enemy of things as they should be. The ossified religion of the ruling class among the Jews could not understand or tolerate for an instant His fresh, vital spirit from the hills. The crowning act that evoked Pharisaical enmity was the raising of Lazarus from the dead. For this they hated both Lazarus and the Lord, since it increased the latter's popularity. There is direct connection between the triumphal entry and the fact that the Bethany home had given of its hospitality and friendship to Jesus.

So popular had the Master become, for the moment, at least, that all the snarling dogs of envy and bigotry had to slink back, baffled into obscurity. "Behold, how ye prevail nothing; lo, the world has gone after Him," they said among themselves. For in front of their eyes as they gathered in stilled groups was this tremendous ovation which meant that Jesus was the idol of the hour. He could even be crowned king should He so desire. The danger of popularity in which stood many a promising hero has been engulfed by Jesus in full tide.

But He was not disturbed. There was not an extra beat to His pulse because of it, and not the slightest flush of exaltation upon His cheek. "He knew what was in man," and He appraised the demonstration at its true value. He accepted exaltation as He accepted humanity, merely as a part of the work which the Father had given Him to do. To Him the triumphal entry must have been un-speakably sad, for He recognized that the fitful multitude—many of these very same persons who were shouting themselves hoarse with "hosanna"—would within the week be crying as lustily "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" The palm branches were but preliminary to the tree upon which He would shortly suffer. Ah, heavy was the cross that the gentle Jesus bore!

A Conqueror's Seizure. Conquerors get their names from conquests; and conquests mean strife. Jesus was a warrior. There is ever need to recall the danger of over-emphasizing His passive virtues. To stress His own lowliness and His humility with the plain people, and His non-military character, Jesus rode a humble donkey, instead of a fiery charger. Yet He came from one series of conflicts and was facing others. Immediately after the Triumphal Entry He was to cleanse the temple.

The world has not many paintings or statues of Jesus with a whip in His hand. We do not like the attitude. Yet it was, in a degree, characteristic. He came to cleanse as well as to save. His love for a pure church is typified by His driving out the traffickers from the temple. He cares for the purity of God's house and God's people almost as much as He cares for the salvation of a lost world. That is why He has in every age called some men to be reformers, to call the church back to her first estate. Only a pure church can serve a sinful world. And Christ's conquest is incomplete so long as His own friends are living contrary to His plain teachings.

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PROCLAMATION

GEORGE the FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India. To all to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may in anywise concern.—GREETING: A proclamation calling for reports by the men comprised in the extension of Class 1, authorized by the regulations of 20th April, 1918, under The Military Service Act, 1917.

J. Rossiter, Deputy Minister of Justice, Canada.

AND WHEREAS by the regulations approved by His Majesty's Government of Canada in Council on the 20th day of April last, in the execution of the powers conferred by our War Measures Act, 1914, Act, 1917, shall, in addition to the men included therein as in our said Act mentioned, include all men, who are by this proclamation required to report as hereinafter described, and that all men included in the said Class 1 by virtue of the regulations aforesaid, shall report to the registrar or deputy registrar under our said Military Service Act, 1917, as required by proclamation, and shall be subject to military law as in such proclamation set out, and shall, in the event of their failing to report, be liable to the penalties specified in our said last mentioned Act and the regulations thereunder.

AND WHEREAS our Governor General of Canada in Council has determined to exercise the power so conferred by the said regulations of 20th April last to report, and to subject them to military law at the time and in the manner by this proclamation prescribed.

Now, therefore, know ye that we do hereby strictly command, require and enjoin that every man who is a British subject resident in Canada, and within any class of persons described in the regulations aforesaid, who has attained the age of nineteen years, and was born on or since the 1st day of October, 1914, and is unmarried or a widower registered post to the registrar or deputy registrar under our said Military Service Act, 1917, for the registry district within which he resides, his name in full, the date of his birth, and place of residence, giving his usual post office address; wherein our loving subjects affected by our command and injunction aforesaid are especially charged not to fail, since not only do their loyalty and allegiance require and impose the obligation of careful and implicit obedience to these our strict commands and injunctions, but moreover, lest any of our loving subjects should be ignorant of the consequences which will ensue if they fail to report within the time limited as aforesaid, we do hereby forewarn, and admonish them that any one by this our proclamation required to report who shall without reasonable excuse fail to report as aforesaid shall thereby commit an offence for which he shall be liable, on summary conviction, to imprisonment for any term not exceeding five years with hard labour, and he shall, nevertheless, if we so require, be compelled to serve immediately in our said Expeditionary Force.

Note: The men required to report by this proclamation should address their reports as follows:—

- ONTARIO—To the Deputy Registrar under the Military Service Act, 1917, London, if they reside in the County of Essex, Kent, Lambton, Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, Waterloo, Wellington, Perth, Huron, or Bruce. To the Registrar under the Military Service Act, 1917, Toronto, if they reside in the County of Lincoln, Welland, Halton, Norfolk, Brant, Wentworth, Halton, Peel, York, Ontario, Grey, Durham, Simcoe, or in the Districts of Muskoka, Parry Sound, Algoma, and Nipissing north of the Mattawa and French Rivers including the Townships of Ferris and Bonfield. To the Deputy Registrar under the Military Service Act, 1917, Kingston, if they reside in the County of Durham, Northumberland, Victoria, Peterborough, Hastings, Prince Edward, Lennox, Addington, Frontenac, Haldimand, Carleton, Dundas, Glengarry, Renfrew, Russell, Stormont, Grenville, Lanark, Leeds, Prescott, or the District of Nipissing south of Mattawa River exclusive of the Townships of Ferris and Bonfield. To the Registrar under the Military Service Act, 1917, Winnipeg, if they reside in the Districts of Kenora, Rainy River, or Thunder Bay. QUEBEC—To the Registrar under the Military Service Act, 1917, Montreal, if they reside in the County of Jacques Cartier, Hochelaga, Laval, Vaudreuil, Soulanges, Napierville, Beauharnois, Chateauguay, Huntingdon, Laprairie, Argenteuil, Terrebonne, Two Mountains, Beauport, L'Assomption, Joliette, Berthier, Maskinonge, St. Maurice, Three Rivers, St. John, Aberville, Missisquoi, Bromfield, Rouville, Chamblay, Vercheres, St. Hyacinthe, Bagot, Drummond, Riveston, Yamaska, Noyon, Arhabaska, Sherbrooke, and St. arnaud. To the Deputy Registrar under the Military Service Act, 1917, Quebec, if they reside in the County of Wolfe, Bellefleur, Compton, Beauce, Bellefleur, Bonaventure, Dorchester, Gaspé, Kamouraska, Lévis, L'Islet, Champlain, Charlevoix, Chateauguay, Montmagny, Quebec, Portneuf, Saguenay, L'Annapolis, Montmagny, Matane, Megantic, Rimouski, and Trinitecote.

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Large advertisement for Dr. J. Collis Browne's Chlorodyne, featuring a large illustration of the medicine bottle and detailed text describing its uses for cholera, dysentery, and various ailments.

And we do hereby declare that all the men by this our proclamation required to report as aforesaid shall, from the date of this our proclamation, be deemed to be soldiers enlisted in the military force of Canada and subject to military law for the duration of the present war and of demobilization thereafter unless sooner discharged; provided that every such man shall until the first day of June next be deemed to be on leave of absence without pay, and that thereafter every such man who shall have duly reported on or before the last mentioned day, as by this our proclamation required, shall be deemed to be on leave of absence without pay until the day upon which he shall be required to report for duty in the Canadian Expeditionary Force and be placed on active service. And we do hereby moreover notify and inform our loving subjects who are hereby required to report, that if on or before the first day of June, 1918, they report, in, by this our proclamation commanded and enjoined, they will not be required to report for duty, by being placed upon active service as aforesaid until a day not earlier than the 1st day of July, 1918, which will, by our registrar or deputy registrar for the registry district in which they are hereby required to report, be notified to them in writing by registered post at their respective addresses as given in their reports, or at such substituted addresses as they may have respectively signified to our said registrar or deputy registrar; and we do hereby inform, forewarn and admonish the men hereby required to report that if any of them shall, without just and sufficient cause, fail to report for duty, at the time and place required by notice in writing so posted, or as otherwise by law required he shall, be subject to the procedure, pains and penalties by law prescribed against deserters.

Of all which Our loving subjects and all others whom these presents may concern are hereby required to take notice, rendering strict obedience to and compliance with all these our commands, directions and requirements, and governing themselves accordingly.

In Testimony Whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed, Witness Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely Beloved Cousin and Counsellor, Victor Christian William, Duke of Devonshire, Marquess of Hartington, Earl of Devonshire, Earl of Burlington, Baron Cavendish of Hardwicke, Baron Cavendish of Keighley, Knight of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter, One of Our Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Our Dominion of Canada.

At Our Government House, in Our City of OTTAWA, this FOURTH day of MAY, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and in the eighth year of Our Reign.

By command, Thomas Mulcahy, Under-Secretary of State.

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