

RELIGION AS SEEN BY THE BROTHER OF JESUS

The International Sunday School Lesson for August 2nd is: "The Epistle of Jesus."—The Entire Book.

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In all the world there are only a few great little books. This is one of them. It may be leisurely read in fifteen minutes—and practiced for a whole life-time.

upon religious topics: "He did not write from a sincerely spiritual mind." Is an author fit for his task? Can he speak with assurance?

An Author Who Knew His Subject. James could. The writer whose words the Sunday Schools are today studying had unique and romantic qualifications.

Real students may delve into the fascinating field of the exact relationship of James to our Lord. Was he a full brother, son of Joseph and Mary; or was he, as many believe, the step-brother of Jesus, son of

Joseph by an earlier marriage. In any case, he lived in the same Nazareth home with the Christ. He had been too near to that unique life to accept at first its miraculous meaning.

Something of awe and mystery attaches to James, the author, because of his intimate knowledge of the life of the Master, and of his family ties. It suggests Browning's: "Ah, did you once see Shelley plain, And did he stop and speak to you, And did you speak to him again? How strange it seems, and new!"

The Heart of the Story. In our day, when everybody is reading about the Bible, instead of reading from the Bible, its Great Little Book should come to its own.

He is the antidote for religious speculation. While his head rises high, even to the heavens, his feet never leave earth. There is no misunderstanding his meaning. He is authority upon the definition of real religion.

That is why we welcome this Lesson with zest. For professional Christianity in these days is sagging on its ethical side. "Orthodoxy" has come to be a bigger word with some than "righteousness"; with others, "liberalism" outbids "loyalty."

try. There is more heretical living than there is heretical believing. Wise old James holds the brotherhood down to the practical interpretation of religion. Emerson only paraphrased the Lord's brother when he wrote: "Go put your creed into your deed. Nor speak with double tongue."

Pungent Words for Present Times. Old-fashioned folk, familiar with the Bible, must often chuckle and grin at the ignorance of wordy moderns; who do not know that so much of the "up-to-date" wisdom they are trying to express was better said, in keener speech, by the inspired writers of the old Book.

Preachers and secretaries who fawn upon the rich and neglect the poor, simply have to cut out of their Bibles the Epistle of St. James. What this carpenter-bishop says on the subject, in the first part of chapter two, would upset any self-satisfied congregation of wealthy folk.

Law observance is one of the great underlying problems of our world. Clear-cut and ringing, and completely pertinent, is James' "A man who has kept the law as a whole, but who has failed to keep one command, has become guilty of violating all."

Let us get back to this succinct and livable Letter of James. In a bewildered generation, it will stabilize our thinking and clarify our conduct. Palestine has made great progress within the last few years in the cultivation of tobacco.

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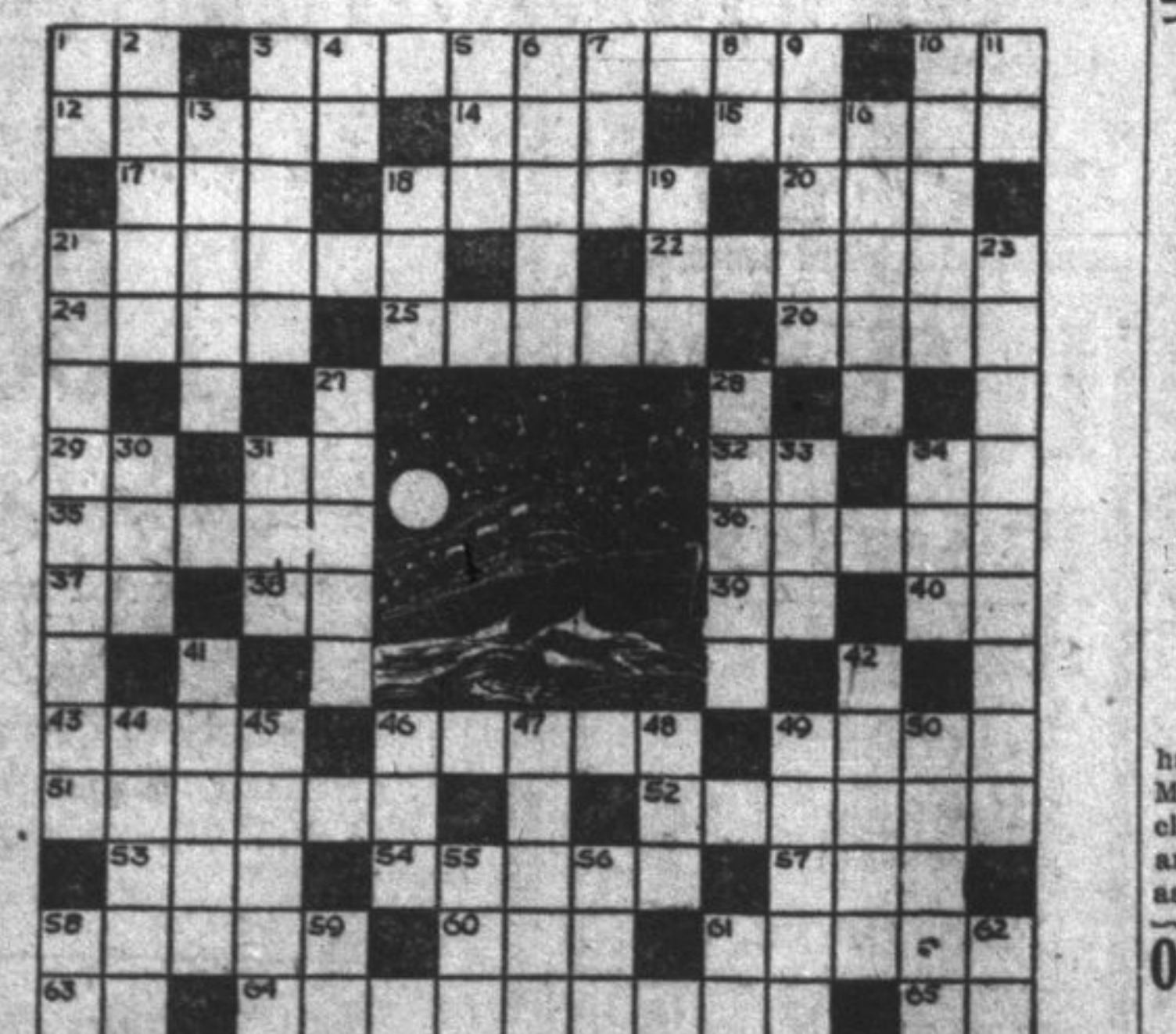
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CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

Here we have a moonlight ride special puzzle with some college slang thrown in to "jazz it up."



- Horizontal. 1. Preposition of place. 3. The proper time for a beautiful lake ride. 10. Italian river. 12. Stiff. 14. Organ of hearing. 15. Command. 17. Part of most common verb. 18. Modern way of saying "makes love." 20. Eon. 21. Florida fruit. 22. To immerse. 24. Knocks. 25. Walked through water. 26. Song for one voice. 29. Exclamation of laughter. 31. Behold. 32. Neuter pronoun. 34. Preposition of location. 35. Urchin. 36. Lowest point. 37. Point of compass. 38. Father. 39. Variant of "a." 40. Third note in scale. 43. Ship's edge. 46. Donates. 49. Appointment (between two of opposite sex). 51. To plead. 52. Proverbs. 53. Meadow. 54. Netted (as lace). 57. To damage. 58. Lariat. 60. Bird related to the ostrich. 61. Chief pastime on evening boat ride. 63. Alas. 64. Pleasure trip. 65. Printer's measure. Vertical. 1. Measure of area. 2. Coronet. 3. Deportment (pl.). 4. Alleged force producing hypnotism. 5. Born. 6. Threaded. 7. To annoy. 8. Exclamation used to attract attention. 9. Ringlet. 10. Jewel found in oysters. 11. Affinity of either. 13. Berry growing in clusters used for wine. 16. To languish. 18. Recent. 19. Sorrowful. 21. Ship's band. 23. Short trips on a vessel. 27. Pertaining to sound. 48. Last. 30. Beer. 31. This is half of a kiss receiver. 33. Summer shade. 34. Intention. 41. A measure of distance at sea (pl.). 42. Heathen. 44. To alleviate. 45. Rental contract. 46. Jewel. 47. Front piece of a cap. 48. To speak. 49. Cony (animal). 50. Widow's right. 55. Largest existing bird of ostrich family. 56. Possesses. 58. Melancholy note. 59. Beast of burden. 61. To accomplish. 62. Half an em.

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