

Christ Arouses Opposition

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Scripture—Matthew 9, 10.



Matthew, once a corrupt tax collector, turns from sin to follow Jesus. At a celebration feast Jesus squelches the critical Pharisees by telling them He has not come to help them.—Matthew 9:17.

Jesus heals the palsied man, the incurably-diseased woman; makes blind men see and mutes speak, even raises a girl from the dead. Still the Pharisees scorn and oppose Him.—Matthew 9:1-8, 20-22, 27-34.

After giving them powers to heal and cast out demons, Jesus instructs the disciples on where to go and how to behave after He sends them to begin their individual ministries.—Matthew 10:1-16.

Setting Himself as an example, Jesus warns the disciples of persecutions to come, but encourages them with assurances of God's fatherly care.—Matthew 10:17-42.

MEMORY VERSE:—"He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."—Matthew 10:39.

PHARISEES CRITICAL

Jesus Delivers Crushing Answer

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Matthew, however, is that proverbial "horse of another color." He was a publican—a tax collector for the Roman Empire. As such he was well-known and despised by all as a traitor to Israel. He was not allowed in the synagogue to worship, his family was socially unacceptable and the decent citizens of Capernaum would have no truck with him.

a Savior. But the sinners, the ones out of fellowship with the Father needed Him to show them the way back.

Now let us consider some healing miracles of Christ. In Capernaum, a palsied man was brought to Him by friends who had great faith in Jesus. First Christ dealt sympathetically with the diseases of the man's soul, declaring his sins forgiven. Then by a word of command, enabled him to arise, take up his bed and walk.

In another instance, an incurably diseased woman had such faith in Him that she was permanently healed simply by touching the hem of His robe. He made blind men see by touching their sightless eyes; and a poor, demon-possessed mute found his voice after Christ had driven out the demon. Yet, the Pharisees opposed Him, despite the fact that He had raised the daughter of the ruler of the Capernaum synagogue from the dead. His powers, they said,

were not of God: they were of the devil.

The chapter concludes with an illustration of Christ's compassion for the "lost." He likens them to reapers lacking skill with the sickle and unaware of the ripening fields about them. This implies not only the pitiful plight of the people, but the gross neglect of duty on the part of the religious leaders.

In Matthew 10 we find detailed information regarding Christ's instructions to His disciples. As His followers (they would be hated as such by the worldly, sinful men who so violently resisted Him. Though He came to bring peace, it would not be sudden and immediate; the way to the unsullied blessedness of the culminated kingdom led through strife and struggle. They would suffer practically no persecution while He was on earth, but afterward, each of the disciples would be brought before the synagogues, governors and kings to be scourged and questioned for His sake.

Though Christ warned of persecutions to come, He offered encouragement, too, leaving great assurance of God's fatherly concern for His own. Each of us is known to the Father as an individual; every part and moment of our lives is known to Him and comes under His watchful eye. We are not to be afraid of those who can only kill the physical body, for they are ordinary men; rather we are to fear the One who can destroy both our bodies and souls in hell—God the Father.

College Faculty To Give Talks

As part of the program of the University of King's College, Halifax, designed to familiarize congregations of the work of theological schools, Rev. Rodney Ives, a faculty member will deliver an address at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Summerside on Sunday.

Bible Van Visits War Wasted Area

A tour of Bible Van in Northern Algeria recently proved an occasion when "our dream" of seeing Gospels sell by the dozen really came true, reports Mr. W.A. Morgan, Secretary of the North African Agency of the Bible Society. The van visited an area wasted by war and semi-desert, which had been without the Word of God for some 10 years.

"Such eagerness to receive the Gospel could not have been believed. The afternoon was well advanced when we draw up in the square, and perhaps it was well that the town was not quite wide-awake so that we had a breathing-space to organize our stall before the crowd descended on us in full cry.

"Word of our presence soon passed round and swarms of old and young pressed round our stall. "We were repeatedly having to bring fresh stocks from the van, and as we watched certain fast disappearing items we grew anxious about our stocks. Most striking was the pathetic insistence of one or two elderly customers who pushed their way through the crowd a second or a third time, reaching out their hand with thirty centimes and begging us to pass them another Gospel. None of them went away disappointed.

Within a hour of our arrival we must have sold 250 Gospels and other New Testament Portions, as well as a few Bibles and Testaments. Each book is a missionary in a place where, in all probability, these days, none other is known."

New UC Curriculum Sparks Controversy

By DON HARVEY Canadian Press Staff Writer The United Church of Canada, largest Protestant denomination in the country, sparked a national religious controversy last September when it launched a New Curriculum of religious instruction among its 2,600,000 members and adherents.

Most of the criticism of the curriculum has come from persons of other denominations, but some vehement disagreement also has come from within the United Church. A cross-Canada survey by The Canadian Press, however, indicates the curriculum has been readily received by many persons in the church.

More than three-quarters of the church's 5,000 Sunday schools have adopted the 20-volume series while the remainder are either enrolled in other plans or considering the New Curriculum.

The survey indicated few schools have refrained from adopting the manuals because of disagreement with the contents. Instead, of the 1,000 schools that haven't adopted them most seem to have been scared off by the cost.

Church headquarters in Toronto figure it costs between \$2.50 and \$3 a person annually for a congregation to equip itself adequately with New Curriculum materials.

"Much has been said about the curriculum in respect to its use in the Sunday schools, but precious little has been said about the fact that it is primarily aimed at adults," says Norman Vale of the department of information and publications, Toronto.

"How can people live a faith they don't know, and how can they teach a faith they don't live?" asks Rev. Peter Gordon White, editor of the department of Sunday school publications. "We are hoping the New Curriculum will make Christianity less embarrassing to many people who call themselves Christians and who in all

honestly real don't know such about the faith and sincerely want instruction." Mr. White says the curriculum is "purely a denominational venture" though the Anglican Church of Canada, Presbyterian Church in Canada, Salvation Army and Lutheran Church in America plan similar projects.

Roman Catholic priests have supported it. In particular, Rev. Edward Bader of the Catholic Information Centre, Toronto, gave six radio broadcasts in which he reprimanded United Church critics for not knowing what they were talking about.

Father Bader says he has read many criticisms in Toronto newspapers by people who opposed the curriculum. "One general impression gained from reading these letters is the inability of many people to realize the difference between the message given by God and the style in which this message was given," he says.

Very Rev. James Thomson of Montreal, United Church moderator from 1956 to 1958 and author of the adult study book God and His Purpose, says: "There are very few people who can actually read a single word of the Bible as it was first written. For this there is a very good reason. The Scriptures were first composed in what for most of us are foreign languages—the Old Testament in Hebrew, the New Testament in Greek. If you look at the title page of the Bible, you will see that it is translated from the original tongues."

Rev. Clyde Woolard of Vancouver, chairman of the British Columbia conference committee on Christian education, says the curriculum "puts the Bible on a meaningful basis."

"A literal interpretation of the Bible just cannot be held today," he adds. But Rev. D. W. Reed of Dunbar Heights Baptist Church in Vancouver disagrees. "Most Baptists will object to any changes in interpreting the Bible," he says. "The Bible is the Word of God. All the accounts in it are factual and should be accepted literally."

Criticism from Baptist sources is of particular interest because the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec co-operated with the United Church in producing the New Curriculum.

But Rev. Leland Gregory, convention secretary, said recently the convention may be asked next June to withdraw completely from the curriculum on the grounds that its contents are unbiblical. And Rev. E. J. Bailey, president of the Baptist Federation of Canada, says the material points to "very important theological and biblical differences between Baptists and the United Church."

It has taken more than 10 years to produce the curriculum. In the early 1950s the Edmonton presbytery asked the Alberta conference to seek the interest of the church's general council in producing a 20th century course of religious instruction aimed primarily at adults. About 40 writers, editors and artists were recruited from among the clergy and the laity to prepare the material.

Jack Wyrzten, a leading evangelist in the U.S. will attend two meetings in Charlottetown on Thursday, Jan. 28 at 3.30 p.m. He will deliver a message to the laymen of the First Baptist Church at a banquet at the Confederation Centre. He will also conduct a rally at 8 p.m. in the Queen Charlotte High School auditorium. All reservations for the banquet are to be made through the Church office.

RALLY SPEAKER



Nancy's lonely. Nobody bothers with her much these days. Mommy's always sad and upset. And when Daddy's home, the quarrelling and shouting make Nancy so frightened that she hides. She couldn't put it into words, but she knows that her safe little world has fallen to pieces.

The number of broken homes grows every year. Mutual affection and mutual interests are good reasons for marriage, but they are not enough. Our ancestors used to hang the framed words "God Bless Our Home" over the mantel because they knew that He must be a member of every closely knit family circle.

No matter how difficult a marital problem may seem, it can be solved with God's help.

Church membership and regular church attendance do much to strengthen and enrich family ties. Bring your family this Sunday. Every member, from the oldest to the youngest, will be welcome.

Table with 7 columns: Day, Time, and Service details. Includes Sunday Job 7:17-18, Monday Ephesians 6:1-4, Tuesday Psalms 108:11-18, Wednesday Acts 26:18-27, Thursday Romans 8:21-26, Friday Job 8:8-10, Saturday Galatians 3:14-29.

Advertisement for church services with a list of business establishments and individuals contributing to the church. Includes Atlantic Drywall and Insulation Ltd., Rogers Hardware Co. Ltd., Maritime Construction Ltd., Coastal Moving and Storage Ltd., John W. MacKenzie Real Estate Consultant, Wood Convalescent Nursing Home Ltd., Moore & McLeod Ltd., Chandler Bros Ltd., Charles W. Aitken Petroleum Products, Ira Younker Building Contractor, and S. Nelson Good Plumbing and Heating Contractor.

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE READ THE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THIS PAGE FOR TIMES OF SERVICES

St. Paul's Anglican Church. Established 1789 by Royal Foundation. The Rev. F. Louis Elias, L.S.T., Rector. Organist and Choir Director: George A. Thompson, F.R.C.O., (CHM) A.R.C.M. EPHRAIM II. 8:30 a.m.—HOLY COMMUNION. 9:45 a.m.—SUNDAY SCHOOL: Junior, Senior and Bible Classes. 11:00 a.m.—MORNING PRAYER & Sermon (Broadcast CFYC). Subject: "WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP THE LONELY". Anthem: "O Lord, Who Didst In Olden Time" by Eric H. Thimman. Members of the Y.M.C.A. will be attending, as a corporate body, St. Paul's Morning Prayer Service. 7:00 p.m.—EVENING PRAYER & Sermon. Subject: "WE'RE ALL INTERESTED IN WHAT'S GOING ON INSIDE OUR MINDS AND IN OTHER PEOPLE'S, TOO". ST. PAUL'S 196th ANNIVERSARY—PAROCHIAL FESTIVAL SERVICE—MONDAY, JANUARY 25th—7:30 P.M. Participants: The Rector, The Rev'd E. J. Roche, St. Dunstan's University, Guest Preacher, The Ven. J. R. Davies, Archdeacon of P.E.I. The Rev'd Malcolm Harlow, Vice-President of the Ministerial Association. The Rev'd Henry Tye, Park Royal United Church. A Welcome is Cordially extended to all.

The Kirk of S. James. The Reverend T. H. B. Somers, M.A., S.T.M., Minister. Organist and Director of the Choirs: Christopher Gledhill, M.A., B.Mus., A.R.C.C.O. 9:45 a.m.—Church School and Minister's Bible Class. 11:00 a.m.—Churchtime Nursery and Nursery School. 11:00 a.m.—Divine Service and Sermon. Sermon by the Rev. Ross A. Howard, B.A., D.D. Installation and Dedication of officers of the Young People's Society. Anthem: "Go Not Far From Me" (Zingarelli).

SPRING PARK UNITED CHURCH. Dunkirk & Kirkwood. Rev. Clayton C. Lewis, Minister. Organist: Mrs. Ron H. Atkinson. Director: Mr. Roy M. Smallman. 9:30 a.m.—Sunday Church School. 11:00 a.m.—Nursery. 11:00 a.m.—"BY FAITH" (Rev. Clayton C. Lewis) Men's Choir—"Lord, I'm Coming Home" "You are Welcome to Worship with Us". The annual Congregational Meeting will be held Monday, January 25th at 7:30 p.m.

Charlottetown Bible Chapel. 233 Cumberland St., at Longworth Ave. 11:00 a.m.—"SOUL AND SPIRIT". 7:30 p.m.—"A STUDY IN THE DOCTRINE OF SALVATION"—Zechariah 3. Speaker: James A. Stahr, B.Sc., M.Th.

The Salvation Army. "Home of Evangelism Since 1865". Great George Street. 55 Villa Avenue. Major Ronald H. Walker. Sunday: Directory Class—9:30 a.m. Sunday School—10 a.m. Holiness Meeting—11 a.m. Salvation Meeting—7 p.m. Friday: Young People's Hobby Class—4:15 p.m. A WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT THE ARMY!

CALVARY TEMPLE. Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. Upper Prince Street. Rev. C. K. Bens, Pastor. L. Perry, Assistant Pastor. 9:15 a.m.—Radio Broadcast, Summerside Station. 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School. Come as a Family. 11:00 a.m.—Worship, "GODLY SORROW". 7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service, Special Singing. ATTEND CHARLOTTETOWN'S FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

St. Peter's Cathedral. Rochford Square. Anglican Church of Canada. The Ven. Archdeacon J. R. Davies, M.A., Rector. The Reverend Canon E. M. Malone, M.A., D.D. Honorary Assistant Priest. Miss Suzanne Brenson, Lic. Mus., Organist. Mrs. B. W. Patterson, Choir Director. January 24—The Third Sunday after the Epiphany. 8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist. 8:45 a.m.—Matins. 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School. 11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon. 7:00 p.m.—Evening and Sermon. Visitors are most welcome at all services.

First Baptist Church. Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets. Rev. Malcolm F. Harlow, B.A., B.D., Minister. Mrs. V. L. Dingwell, Organist and Choir Director. 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. 11:00 a.m.—Sermon: "THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS". Duet: "Consider The Lilies"—Mrs. Douglas MacKenney and Mrs. Ronald Jenkins. 7:00 p.m.—Sermon: "THE GOOD SHEPHERD". Anthem: "Hushed and Still the Evening Hour". 8:15 p.m.—Film: God's Country (Follow-up to the Tony Fontaine Story). 7:30 p.m.—Wednesday—Annual Business Meeting. A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU.

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH. 13 Christie Drive, Parkdale. Rev. J. H. Tye, B.A., B.D., Minister. Mr. Leslie Hiscott, Organist and Director of Choirs. 9:45 a.m.—Junior, Intermediate & Senior Church School. 11:00 a.m.—Nursery & Kindergarten Classes. 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP. Sermon: THE HOUND OF HEAVEN. Anthem: "Lord For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake"—Farrant. 11:15 a.m.—Primary Church School. 7:00 p.m.—EVENING WORSHIP. Sermon: TAKING A CHANCE ON LOVE. Anthem: "God Who Madest Earth and Heaven"—Arr. D. Main (The Junior Choir). You are welcome to worship with us.

Central Christian Church. 219 Kent Street. Charlottetown, P.E.I. MORNING. 10:00 a.m.—Bible School for all ages. 11:00 a.m.—Worship Service and Communion. Anthem: "Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me" (Adams). Soloist: Shirley Graham. Message: "I WOULD BE TRUE". Where the Bible Speaks: CFYC at 3 o'clock—Mr. Kenneth Norris, speaker. 7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service. Sermon Topic: "MISTAKE IN THE BIBLE?". Minister—Mr. William Weale. Organist—Mrs. Allison MacRae, A.R.C.M. WELCOME TO ALL.

Zion Presbyterian Church. Corner Prince and Grafton Streets. The Rev. Donald A. Campbell, B.A., Minister. Miss Roberts Shaw, Deaconess. Mrs. Harvey MacKinnon, L.Mus., B.Mus. Organist and Choir Director. 9:45 a.m.—The Church School. Classes for all ages. 10:00 a.m.—Bible Class. 11:00 a.m. Nursery School. 11:00 a.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP. Sermon: THE SECOND MILE. Anthem: Bless The Lord, O My Soul—Arr. E. J. Lorenz. 7:00 p.m.—DIVINE WORSHIP. Sermon: GRAVEN ON THE HANDS OF GOD. Anthem: God Who Madest Earth and Heaven—J. A. Lloyd. VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH. Charlottetown, P. E. I. Ministers: Rev. John G. E. Ball, B.A. Rev. Gerald G. Wyrwas, B.A., B.D. Organist and Director: Mr. J. B. Herdman. 9:30 a.m.—Bible Classes, Intermediate and Junior Depts. 11:00 a.m.—Nursery, Primary and Kindergarten. 11:00 a.m.—"WHAT ABOUT YOUR REPUTATION?" Rev. J. Ball. Anthem: "Lift Up Your Hearts" (H. A. Chambers). Sacrament of Baptism. Religion and life classes cancelled this week. 7:00 p.m.—"WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR DOUBTS". Rev. J. Ball. Anthem: "Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies" (Keith Bessell). "Come as You Are and Set Where You Please".