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what God wants you to be if you have a divided heart. Jesus must come first. We must do the things He wants us to do.

- 3. Jesus cannot make any man believe in Him. Jesus does not try to make us believe. He died for us and He loves us, but a man must want to believe before he can be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

QUESTIONS:

- 1. Why did this young man go away from Jesus?
- 2. What must a person do to be a Christian?
- 3. Why can a person with a divided heart not be a disciple of Jesus?

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you have sold it all go and give the money to the poor. If you will do this you will have great treasures for you in heaven. And after you have sold all of your possessions and given them to the poor come back and take up the cross and follow me.

These were very hard words for the rich young ruler. This he could not do. Jesus knew the problem of this young man. Jesus was saying to this young man, you are respected by the people because of the things you do not do. You do not kill you do not commit adultery, you do not steal, you do not make problems for other people. Then Jesus said, I want you to go and do something good for people. Go sell your possessions and help people who are in need. If you want to be my disciple Jesus told him, you must do more than just keep the law -----you must give of yourself.

When the young man heard this his heart was very sad. This was asking too much. He loved his possessions. He could not give them away. And he went away with a sad heart.

LESSONS

1. Eternal life can not be found by keeping the law. It is true that those who love Jesus will keep the law, but it is not true to say that if one keeps the law he loves Jesus. To be a disciple of Jesus and to have eternal life a man must repent of sin and believe in Jesus Christ.
2. If a man wants to have eternal life he must be willing to turn away from anything that keeps him from obeying Christ. To be a disciple of Jesus you must be obedient. You can not be

to talk with Jesus. Many times people are afraid to come to Jesus. They are afraid because they do not want others to laugh at them. This young man did not care what the other people would say. He wanted one thing. He wanted to see Jesus and talk with Him. He had watched Jesus and heard Him speak, now he wanted to talk to Him.

"Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life"? This young man respected Jesus very much. He called him "Rabbi". Most of the people would only call an old man Rabbi. It was a term of great respect. But here this young man is calling a man his own age Rabbi. He wanted Jesus to tell him how he could have eternal life. He had great riches but he did not have a happy heart. He knew that something was missing from his life. He kept the commandments he said. He had not hurt anyone. Yet, in his heart he was not happy. This is why he came to Jesus. He came to ask him what he must do to have the peace of God in his heart.

Jesus said to the young man, "Don't call me good." Jesus was telling him that He was more than a "Good Master." He was God. The young man needed to see Him as a sinless Son of God.

Then Jesus said to him, "You know the commandments -----thou shalt not commit adultery; do not kill; do not steal; do not speak lies; do not cheat; honour your father and mother;". Then the young ruler said all of these I have kept. I have not broken any of these commandments. As he answered Jesus looked at him and the Bible says "He loved him." He seemed to be very special to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him there is one thing that you do not have. "One thing thou lackest." Go now Jesus said and sell all that you have. After

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LESSON 13

JESUS AND THE RICH YOUNG RULER

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 19: 16-22; Mark 10: 17-31;
Luke 18: 18-30.

MEMORY VERSE:

"And Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest;"

Mark 10: 21.

THE STORY

The Rich Young Ruler was a very outstanding young man. When he met Jesus he was about thirty years old. Jesus was also about thirty years old. They were near the same age but they were very different.

The young ruler was very rich, and Jesus was very poor. It was not easy for this rich young ruler to come to Jesus. He had a very important place among the people. He was a ruler in the Synagogue. He was very wealthy. In those days the rulers and the people with money did not like Jesus. This young man, however, wanted to talk with Jesus so bad that he was willing to go against the thoughts of the other rulers.

In Mark 10: 17 the Bible says that he ran to Jesus. This is a picture of a very rich man running to a very very poor man. And when he came to Jesus he fell down on the ground before Jesus. Other people were watching the young ruler. But he was not worried about them. He knew they would laugh at him. This did not bother him. More than anything else he wanted

you find that this thief is the only one who waited until the last minute. It is far better to give our hearts to Jesus now. Jesus wants us to live for Him every day of our life, not just the last few minutes.

4. Jesus died on the cross for our sins. He died as our sacrifice. He died that all who believe on Him could live eternally with Him. The first man to go to heaven because of the cross was the thief who died on the cross.

QUESTIONS:

1. What must a person do to be saved?
2. Can a person be saved without baptism?
3. When should a person become a christian?

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LESSON 1

JESUS AND BARTIMAEUS

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 20: 29-34; Mark 10: 46-52;
Luke 18: 35-43.

MEMORY VERSE:

"And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way thy faith hath made thee whole."

Mark 10: 52.

THE MIRACLE

Jesus was taking a journey. He was going from Galilee to Jerusalem. As He traveled on his way to Jerusalem he passed through the town of Jericho. Jesus had been this way before. But this trip was different. Because this was the last time that Jesus would walk through Jericho. Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem to die on the cross.

As Jesus walked along the road that day many people followed Him. Some of them followed Him because they loved Him. Some followed Him because they wanted to see the things He would do. Others followed because they were going to Jerusalem also.

Standing by the road as Jesus entered the town of Jericho was a blind beggar. His name was Bartimaeus. Everyday someone would lead him to the place where he would stand for the day and beg. He could not work, He was blind. He spent his days standing by the road begging money from the travellers who passed by. He was a blind beggar without help and without hope.

On this day, as blind Bartimaeus stood by the road-side begging he heard strange sounds. He heard the walking and talking of the crowd as they walked with Jesus into Jericho. Because he could not see he did not know whether to be afraid or happy. Were these people his friends or were they his enemies? Would they help him or hurt him?

As the crowd drew near to the place where Bartimaeus was standing the blind man began to ask, "What is happening?" One of the men in the crowd passed very close to Bartimaeus and his robe touched the hand of Bartimaeus. Quickly, Bartimaeus grabbed the robe and held it tightly. "Tell me, my friend," he said, "What is happening?" The stranger turned to the blind man and said, "Don't you know, Jesus of Nazareth passes by."

This was good news to Bartimaeus. He had never seen Jesus, but many times he had heard of the way Jesus healed and helped people. He began to think, "If He could help me. With this hope in his heart Bartimaeus began to call out. "Jesus, Thou son of David, have mercy on me." Over and over he called to Jesus, "Jesus have mercy on me." Louder and louder he called to Jesus as He passed by.

Then all at once Jesus stopped. The people who lived in Jericho had tried to get Bartimaeus to be quiet. But he would not listen to them. And now, Jesus had heard his call. And now, Jesus was asking that Bartimaeus come to Him. One person that was there in the crowd came over to Bartimaeus and said, "Be of good comfort arise, He calleth for thee."

Bartimaeus was so excited that he left his robe on the ground. As he was brought to Jesus his heart

the thief that Jesus died. Jesus died before the thieves died. But it was not long after Jesus died that the thief died. And when he died his spirit went to heaven. When he entered heaven Jesus met him. The King had entered His kingdom and remembered the thief on the cross.

LESSONS

1. The experience of the thief on the cross proves to us that only repentance and faith are necessary for salvation. This man was not baptized. If it was necessary for a man to be baptized to be forgiven this thief could never have had God's forgiveness. He did not have a chance to do any good works. He was dying. He did not have a chance to prove to others that he had repented. All he did was to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. And because of his repentance and faith he found salvation.
2. Every individual must choose whether or not they want to confess their sin and follow Jesus. There were two thieves who died on the cross. One of them believed in Jesus, and one of them did not believe. One of them went to heaven, and one of them went to hell. Every man must decide if he wants to be a follower of Jesus.
3. The thief on the cross became a christian just before he died. This does not mean that people should wait until their life is nearly finished before they turn to Jesus. This does not mean that it is wise for a person to wait to give his heart to Jesus. This experience of the thief shows us that a man can be saved at the last minute, but when you read the New Testament

were a King." The chief priests and scribes looked up at Him and said: "You saved others, why don't you save yourself?" It is hard to understand how they could speak this way to Jesus. He spent His whole life doing good. He healed the sick. He opened the eyes of the blind. It was this same Jesus that cleansed the leper. But now as He was dying the crowd forgot about these things.

Soon one of the two thieves that was crucified with Him began to talk. He wanted Jesus to use his power and get them all down from the cross. But the other thief defended Jesus. "We are dying because of the evil deeds we have done, this man has done no evil. He is dying because of the good He has done.

Then the thief on the cross said to Jesus, "Remember me when you come into your Kingdom." He repented. He turned from his sin and asked Jesus to forgive him. To be sorry for our sin does not mean we are repenting. Repentance means more than just being sorry. He changed his mind and Jesus changed his heart.

It seems strange that the thief should think Jesus was a King. Jesus was dying on the cross. He called upon Jesus in an act of faith. This thief was calling out to Jesus in his dying moments asking Jesus to come into his life.

Jesus responded to his faith. "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." Jesus forgave his sin and promised the repentant thief that he would go with Him to heaven. The two thieves were not the same now. They had both lived sinful lives but they were different now. One thief continued to laugh at Jesus -----but the other one believed on Him.

It was only a little while after Jesus spoke to

must have been very very happy. And then he heard Jesus speak. "What do you want me to do for you?" Bartimaeus' answer came quickly, "I want you to heal my eyes, I want to see."

Jesus answered him and said, "Your faith hath made you whole". And Bartimaeus opened his eyes and the first thing he saw was the face of Jesus.

LESSONS

1. In Bartimaeus we see a man who is willing to admit what he needed most in life. Not all men are willing to admit their greatest need. More than anything else he wanted his eyes to be opened. All men have needs. Men need to see their needs. To have their sins forgiven is the greatest need men have. But Jesus cannot help us unless we are willing to admit our need.
2. Even though the physical eyes of Bartimaeus were blind, the eyes of his heart were always open. How different he was from the Pharisees. They could see with their physical eyes, but the eyes of their hearts were blind. They did not see with their spiritual eyes. "You have eyes, but see not," Jesus said. But with Bartimaeus, he received his physical sight because of his spiritual sight.
3. Anyone who calls to Jesus for help will be heard. The crowd wanted Bartimaeus to be quiet. Perhaps they were trying to be kind to Jesus. But we can never really be kind to Jesus if we are unkind to any of the people He created. Jesus never turns away from the cry of need. If we call unto Him He will hear us.

4. The first chance Bartimaeus had to call out to Jesus was also the last chance he would ever have. This was the last time Jesus would pass through Jericho. This may be true with many people today. The Bible tells us, "In the day that you hear my voice harden not your hearts." Hebrews 3: 7-8. When we have the opportunity to call upon Jesus and we fail to call, the opportunity may never come again,
5. Thank God for the man who told Bartimaeus that Jesus was passing by. When Bartimaeus grabbed his robe the man could have pulled himself away and not told him about Jesus. But the man stopped long enough to tell him that Jesus was passing that way. Jesus is also passing through our town and villages. Have you ever told someone else that He is in your town? God wants you to.

QUESTIONS:

1. Next to Jesus who do you think is the most important person in this miracle?
2. Have you ever told someone else that Jesus was passing by?
3. Have you ever helped someone else come to the Lord Jesus?

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LESSON 12

JESUS AND THE THIEF ON THE CROSS

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 27: 1-66; Mark 15: 1-47;
John 19: 1-42; Luke 23: 39-43.

MEMORY VERSE:

"And he said unto Jesus, Lord remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."

Luke 23: 42.

THE STORY

The story of the cross is a wonderful story of the love of Jesus. It is the last story we have of any man committing himself to the Lord Jesus before He died on the cross.

It was a lonely time for Jesus as He went to the cross. The disciples forsook Him and ran away. One of them had betrayed Him. Another one had denied Him. And the others are not mentioned as Jesus went to die on the cross. As He hung on the cross dying for our sins He did not look down into the faces of friends. He looked down into the faces of those who were happy to see Him die. They were laughing at Him. They spat at Him. They did everything they could to make His suffering greater.

The most painful way a man could die was to die on the cross. The soldiers had driven the nails in the hands and feet of Jesus, they had placed a crown of thorns on His head, and they had hit him. Now they were waiting for Him to die. The people passed by and as they looked at Jesus they said: "Ha, you said you

QUESTIONS:

1. How can evil spirits be conquered?
2. What does Jesus expect every Christian to do?
3. What is the danger in asking Jesus to leave us alone?

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LESSON 2

JESUS AND THE PARALYTIC

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 9: 1-8; Mark 2: 1-12;
Luke 5: 17-26.

MEMORY VERSE:

"When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee."

Mark 2: 5.

THE STORY

This is one of the most wonderful stories in the Bible. It shows us the greatness of God's power and forgiveness. Let us look very carefully at the picture these verses give us.

Jesus was teaching at Capernaum. He was teaching in one of the houses in Capernaum. Many people had come to hear Him. Both the friends and the enemies of Jesus were there. The house was so crowded with people that no one else could enter. "There were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every village of Galilee and Judaea and Jerusalem."

While Jesus was teaching and talking with the people the roof began to move. Somebody had climbed upon the roof. The people in the house began to look up to see what was happening. And soon the people in the house could see that there were four men on the roof. They had tried to come in the door, but the crowd would not let them pass by. These four men wanted very much to see Jesus. They were very determined. Nothing could stop them.

They wanted to see Jesus because of their friend. He was very sick. His whole body was trembling. He could not walk. He was so sick that he had to stay on the bed all of the time. He was sick with the disease of palsy.

As the friends made the hole in the roof, all of the people in the the house were very surprised. The people could not understand what was happening. Then the four friends began to lower the bed through the hole. They lowered the bed very slowly. And soon, laying at the feet of Jesus was the man who was sick of the palsy. Oh, what a sad man to see. He was a young man whose body was filled with disease.

When Jesus saw the young man He said: "Son be of good cheer." Matthew 9:2. Then in Mark 2: 5. Jesus said; "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." And the third thing Jesus said to him was , "Arise, and take up thy couch, (or bed), and go into thine house." Luke 5: 24.

When Jesus told the young man to "be of good cheer", he was telling the young man not to be afraid. And then, looking down into the young man's eyes, Jesus said, "Thy sins be forgiven thee." When the wise men heard Jesus say this they were surprised. They began talking together. "No one can forgive sin but God", they said. "Does this man think He is God?" Jesus knew their thoughts. He knew what was troubling them. And turning to them He said, "Is it easier to say Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?" He was saying only God can forgive and only God can heal.

Then turning to the young man sick of the palsy Jesus said: "Arise, take up thy bed and walk". And immediately the young man was on his feet. He was

When the people of the town of Gadara came out to see Jesus they forgot all about the man possessed with evil spirits. They came with hate in their hearts because Jesus had more power than they had. He had cast out the devils. He had permitted the evil spirits to enter into the pigs. Because of this the people wanted Jesus to leave. They were mad because they had lost some property. They should have been glad because their neighbour was healed.

LESSONS

1. It is a very sad thing to see a person possessed with an evil spirit. There is one way, however, that we can help them. We can pray for the Spirit of the Lord Jesus to come into their hearts and to fill them with His Spirit.
2. As soon as the man of Gadara was healed he wanted to follow Jesus. But Jesus had other plans. He told him to go back into the town and tell the people there what God had done for him. Jesus wanted him to go back and witness to those in Gadara. This is what Jesus expects of all of those who confess Him as their Saviour. Every christian should be a witness. When Jesus comes to live in our heart He wants each one of us to tell our friends and neighbours about Him. Even though the people of Gadara asked Jesus to leave, Jesus still had a witness in their town.
3. The people of Gadara asked Jesus to leave their town. They did not want him to stay because their pigs were gone. There is a danger in asking Jesus to go away. When you ask Jesus to go away He will.

the mountains and in the cemetery crying and cutting himself with stones.

"But when he saw Jesus". That is a wonderful sentence. For the Bible says when he saw Jesus he ran and worshipped him. As he came to the place where Jesus stood Jesus commanded the evil spirits to come out of the man. When the evil spirits came out of the man of Gadara they went into a herd of pigs. The pigs went wild because of the evil spirits and ran off of a steep mountain and fell into the sea.

Now Jesus was looking at the man of Gadara, but the man was different. He was no longer mad. He was well again. No longer would the people need to be afraid of him. The disciples of Jesus brought him some cloth to wrap around his body. And when the owners of the pigs came out to complain to Jesus there was the mad man clothed and sitting up. However, the owners of the pigs did not see him. They were cross because their pigs were gone. There was no thanksgiving in their hearts because the mad man was well. It is very sad when people love things so much that they are not able to see the blessings of God. They should have come to Jesus to thank Him. They should have come to praise Him for healing their friend. But, no! They were more interested in pigs.

Many people have questions about evil spirits. Do evil spirits really possess people? The Bible says yes. When a person is possessed of an evil spirit it means that the evil spirit has power over their lives. Only Jesus can help a person who is possessed of evil spirits. Medicine cannot help. Witch-doctors cannot help. Only Jesus has the power to cast evil spirits out of our lives. When Jesus comes into our hearts He fills our heart with His Spirit. He fills our heart with the spirit of thanksgiving and joy. When the Spirit of Jesus is in our hearts the power of the evil spirit is gone.

healed. The disease was gone. He picked up his bed and ran home thanking God for all He had done for him. And the people talked to each other saying: "We have seen strange things today."

LESSONS

1. In these verse we have studied today we see what it means to be a true friend. The Bible tells us that the man sick of the palsy was carried to Jesus by four friends. When they came to the house where Jesus was teaching and found it full of people they were disappointed, but they were not discouraged. They were determined. Nothing could stop them. They had one desire. They wanted to get their friend to Jesus. Their friend needed what no one but Jesus could give. These four men were men of great faith. They were not discouraged by difficulties.
2. Love that does not act is not love. If we have the love of Jesus in our hearts we will carry on even when our duty stops. The love of Jesus in our hearts is seen in our actions, not just in our words. The four friends loved the sick man so much that they would not stop until Jesus had healed him.
3. The Christian religion tells people something that no other religion can tell them. Only the Christian religion can tell people of God's wonderful forgiveness. All of the other religions tell people to work hard and do good if they want to see God. But in the Christian religion, God comes down in His Son Jesus Christ and tells all men to turn from their sin and God will forgive them. The message of Jesus is the message of forgiveness of sin.

4. There is another lesson to be learned from the sick man. After his friends had done all that they could, and after Jesus had done all that he could, it was up to the sick man to do all he could. Only the sick man could show if he had enough faith to walk.
5. There is one more lesson. This is a very very important lesson. Read it very carefully. What if this young man had fallen down when he tried to get up and walk? What if he had tried to walk but his legs would not move? Here is the lesson ---- Jesus risked His whole claim of being God's Son on the ability of this young man to walk. And the young man was risking his entire hope on Jesus. It is the same in our lives. If we want to know the power of God in our lives we must believe that everything is possible with Him.

QUESTIONS:

1. What have you done to help your friends find Jesus Christ?
2. Have you ever told one of your friends how you trusted Jesus as your Saviour?
3. What do you think is the most important thing about this miracle?

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LESSON 11

JESUS AND THE MAN OF GADARA

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 8: 28-34; Mark 5: 1-20;
Luke 8: 26-39.

MEMORY VERSE:

"For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit."
Mark 5: 8.

THE STORY

"There met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling in the tombs---- and always, night and day, in the tombs and in the mountains, he was crying out, and cutting himself with stone." Matthew says he was mad and made people afraid. Luke says that he did not wear clothes. These words describe the man of Gadara. A man filled with an evil spirit.

Jesus and His disciples had just crossed the sea in their little boat. As they were leaving the boat a wild looking man came running toward them. He was naked. His body was very dirty. He had cuts all over his arms and legs. It was very sad to see a man like this. He lived in the cemetery. The people in town would not let him stay in town with the other people. They had tried many ways to control this man. To keep him from making all of the people afraid they had put chains around him. But the evil spirit had given him so much power that he would break the chains. The people tried many ways but they were not able to make him quiet. All day and all night he stayed in

commandments of God. A person who really loves Jesus can never be happy living in sin. Sin always cripples.

4. As soon as Jesus had healed this crippled man he told him to go away from the place where he had stayed for thirty eight years. Jesus told him to leave the old life and the old places. Walk away into the new places God wanted him to find. It is the same way when we become christians. When we give our heart to Jesus we become "new creatures." As new believers Jesus wants us to leave the old places of sin and live with him in the house of God.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why was this man crippled?
2. What did Jesus tell him to do after he was healed?
3. What is the first thing the man did after he was healed?

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LESSON 3

JESUS AND THE ADULTEROUS WOMAN

SCRIPTURE: John 8: 1-11.

MEMORY VERSE:

"He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."

John 8: 7.

THE STORY

Jesus had been praying at the Mount of Olives. When he finished praying very early in the morning He went again to the Temple. As soon as the people saw Him they began to crowd around Him. And seeing their interest, Jesus sat down and began to teach them. As He taught the people listened very quietly. They wanted to hear every word that He said.

Then, all of a sudden, a group of men began to move through. They were trying to get right in front of Jesus. These men were not friends of Jesus. They tried very hard to keep the people from listening to Him. Some of them were scribes and some of them were called Pharisees. A scribe had two jobs. In part of his work he was like a secretary. The other part of his work was to teach the laws of the Old Testament to the people. The scribes were not friends of Jesus and they worked very hard to make trouble for Him. The Pharisees were the religious leaders when Jesus came to live on earth. They had many many laws. They believed that the most important thing was to follow the laws of the Old Testament. They did not follow Jesus and they did not show love to others. These scribes and Pharisees were the ones that were pushing through the crowd to get to Jesus.

But they were not alone. As they came to the place where Jesus was standing they were pushing in front of them a naked woman. Then just as they reached the place where Jesus was standing they pushed her down in front of Him. The crowd did not understand what was happening. What were these men trying to do? They were trying to embarrass Jesus before the crowd. They were trying to ask him a question that he could not answer.

Everybody was trying to hear as the Pharisees began to talk. They were telling Jesus why they had brought this woman to him. "This woman", they said "Has just been found in the sin of adultery." "What do you think we should do with her?"

These Pharisees were Jews. They tried to live under the law of Moses. Many of the people who listened to Jesus were Jews also. If Jesus said the woman should be released and freed He would be teaching different from the law of Moses. (Leviticus 20 :10) But the Jews were living under the law of Rome. And the law of Rome said that they could not kill anyone. So whatever Jesus answered they thought they would be able to make trouble for Him. The scribes and Pharisees were not really interested in the woman they were only interested in causing trouble for Jesus.

Jesus did not look up at them. He leaned over and with his finger He began to write in the sand. His heart was very sad because of the way the Pharisees and scribes were acting. He was also embarrassed because of the way they had treated the woman. As He was kneeling there they asked him over and over, "What do you tell us to do?"

The Law of Moses said that a woman found in adultery should be stoned to death. Jesus knew this,

"Sin no more lest a worse thing come unto thee", Jesus said. In one of our other lessons we studied about sin and suffering. We studied that all suffering in the world is caused by man's sin. We also learned that just because we see a man suffering it does not always mean that he is suffering because of his own sin. But here, Jesus makes it quite clear that this man was suffering because of the sins he had committed. That is why Jesus told him not to go back into the old places of suffering. "Take up your blankets and walk." This is what Jesus tells us when He comes into our hearts to live.

LESSONS

1. Jesus Christ wants to be the friend of every man. It does not matter to Him if people do not have friends. Jesus comes to us and calls us to leave our sin and repent. He calls us to come in faith to Him and let him forgive us. When Jesus saw this man He did not stand away from him. He went up to him. He helped him.
2. When Jesus healed the man's body, the man did not know that Jesus was the Son of God. He only knew that his body had been healed. After he was healed the first place he wanted to go was to the Temple to thank God. His heart was very happy. He wanted to pray. He wanted God to know of the joy that he had in his heart. All people do not do this. God heals many people, but not all of them thank Him for healing them.
3. This man's suffering was caused by his own sin. He had chosen to sin and sin crippled his body. It is very important for us to keep

very much for my body to be well, but I do not have anyone to take me to the water." This is a very sad scene. It is a picture of a man who is not only crippled, but he is a man without any friends.

Here was a helpless man. A man that did not have any hope because he was helpless. But Jesus told him to do the one thing that he could not do. He told him to get up and walk. He told him to take his blankets with him and walk. Many times Jesus makes us look at the things we think we cannot do and then tells us to do them. How does this happen?

Jesus asked this man if he wanted to walk. This was the one thing the man wanted most to do. For thirty eight years he had wanted to walk! Jesus wanted him to walk too. And in that moment when the will of man touched the will of God in Christ, healing power came and the crippled man was able to walk.

"Take up your bed", Jesus said. Why did Jesus want him to take his bed? He wanted him to take his bed and get away from the place of suffering he had known for so long. He did not want the man to come back to the place where he had stayed so long. He wanted him to move on to new and different places. He did not want him to look back.

Then Jesus said: "Walk". And the first place he walked was to the Temple. He went to thank God. He did not know who Jesus was. And when the people asked him who had helped him he could not answer. He did not know. But he did know he wanted to thank God for his strong new body.

He was still in the Temple when Jesus came to him the second time. And Jesus said to him, "Behold, thou art made whole; sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee."

and the Pharisees knew this. Everyone was waiting to hear the answer of Jesus to the scribes and Pharisees. And now He was going to answer. Without looking up at them Jesus said; "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone." Jesus knew what the Pharisees were doing. They were trying to judge someone else, but they did not want anyone judging them. Jesus knew their hearts. He knew their sin. The Pharisees wanted to look at the woman's sin. They did not want to look at their own sin.

After Jesus answered their question the scribes and Pharisees began to walk away. Then Jesus looked at the woman and said: "Where are the men who condemned you?" And she said: "Lord, they are gone." They could not condemn her after Jesus answered their question. Then Jesus said to the woman; "Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more." Jesus forgave her and gave her peace.

LESSONS

1. In our relationships with others we are not to judge. God is the Judge. Only the one without sin should judge. God wants us to show His love to all people. We are not to spend our time judging others.
2. It is easy to demand from others what we do not have ourselves. The scribes and Pharisees were expecting this poor woman to be condemned to death. But where was the man who committed adultery with this woman? God has only one set of laws. God's laws make no distinction between people.
3. Jesus loves the sinner ---- but He hates sin.

When everybody else wanted to condemn this woman Jesus defended her. He did not tell her that she had not sinned. He did not say to her that it is alright to sin. Jesus looked into her heart and told her to leave her sin. When Jesus calls a person from sin there comes a change in the heart. Jesus gave the woman power to overcome sin. Jesus always gives the sinner who repents power to overcome sin.

4. When all of the others wanted to condemn ---- Jesus wanted to forgive. Forgiveness is the centre of the message of Jesus.

QUESTIONS:

1. What were the Pharisees trying to do?
2. What is the main thing for the Christian --- to judge or to love?
3. What did Jesus say to the woman?

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LESSON 10

JESUS AND THE MAN AT THE POOL

SCRIPTURE: John 5: 1-16.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Behold, thou are made whole; sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee."

John 5: 14.

THE STORY

Every year the Jews had many feasts. When Jesus met the man we will study about today it was the time of one of those feasts. Jesus went to Jerusalem for the feast.

There were several ways a person could enter the city of Jerusalem. One of them was called the sheep gate. It was the gate where most of the merchants entered. They used this gate because it was near the market-place. This is the gate that Jesus entered that day. Near this gate there was a pool of water. The water in this pool came up from under the ground. The people believed that at certain times of the year this water could heal a man of his sickness. Because of this belief the crippled people sat around the pool waiting for the right time to enter the water.

One of the people who sat around the pool was a man whose body was very crippled. He had been crippled for thirty eight years. When Jesus saw the man He walked over to him and said: "Would you like for your body to be made well and strong again?" The man looked at Jesus and said: "Sir, I would like very

had opened his eyes. He became a disciple of Jesus and all of the people could not change his mind.

3. All sin causes suffering, but we cannot say that everytime a person is sick, or suffers pain, that they are suffering because of their own sin.

QUESTIONS:

1. What causes suffering?
2. How does Satan try to keep us from God's work?
3. After his eyes were opened, what did the Blind Man do that every disciple of Jesus should do?

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LESSON 4

JESUS AND THE SICK WOMAN

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 9: 18-26; Mark 5: 21-34;
Luke 8: 42-47.

MEMORY VERSE:

"And Jesus said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague."

Mark 5: 34.

THE STORY

Jesus was in Capernaum. He had been there many times before. He had healed many sick and diseased in Capernaum. And because the people there knew His love and power great crowds of them came to see Him.

As He moved through the crowd one of the rulers of the Temple Church came to him. His name was Jarius. When he came to Jesus Jarius fell down at Jesus' feet. Jarius was in great need. Even though he was a great man in the town --- he needed help now that only Jesus could give. His little daughter was very very sick. She was almost dead. "Come", Jarius said, "and lay your hands on my daughter that she may be healed and live." Jesus agreed to go with him and help his daughter.

As Jesus walked along the way many many people walked with Him. They were pushing and trying very hard to walk close to Jesus. There were so many people in the crowd that the disciples of Jesus were amazed.

In the crowd that day there was a woman who was very sick. She had been sick for 12 years. She had tried many times to be healed. She had gone to the doctors, but they could not help her. She had taken many different medicines but they did not help her. She had spent all of her money trying to find help. But no one could make her well. Instead of getting better she was getting worse.

There are many things that we do not know about this woman's illness. However, there are some things we do know about it. In the days when Jesus was on earth, if a person had this disease, they were called unclean. It was a very serious illness. The law said that if a woman had this disease her husband could get a divorce and would not be dishonoured. The children were not expected to stay with their mother if she had this disease. Even the things she touched were called unclean. A person with this disease was not permitted to worship Jehovah God in any of the churches. What a poor sad woman this was. She was not only sick, she was not wanted. She was on outcast.

This is the picture. Here was Jarius, a ruler in the city, with many friends, and here was the sick woman without any friends. Jarius had a little girl twelve years old that was sick; this woman had been sick for twelve years. Jesus was on his way to help Jarius, but no one was near to help this woman.

As Jesus walked along, suddenly he stopped. "Who touched me", he asked? The disciples almost laughed. "Why", they said, you see the crowd around you, and you asked us who touched you?". The disciples told Jesus it was impossible to say who had touched him. But Jesus said. "Someone touched me, and the touch was different from that of the crowd."

surprised. "What happened", they said. "Who opened your eyes?" "A man called Jesus", he said. The Pharisees came and he told them how Jesus had opened his eyes. They even asked his parents what had happened to their son. They could not understand. How could this happen? All the Blind Man would say was Jesus opened my eyes.

The people were so angry with him that they cast the man that was born blind out of their Temple. When Jesus heard this He came again to talk with the man. As Jesus talked with him He asked: "Do you believe on the Son of God?" And the man said: "Lord who is he, that I might believe?" "I am the Son of God", Jesus said. And looking into the face of Jesus the man said; "Lord, I believe".

LESSONS

1. Jesus was never so busy fighting his enemies that he forgot to do His work. This is very important. Sometimes Satan gets the people of God so busy arguing and fighting that they do not do the things God wants us to do. If we are to have the blessings of God in our lives we must be busy doing the things God wants us to do.
2. The Blind Man wanted to see very bad. All his life he had been blind. He had never seen any man. Then one day a man puts some clay on his eyes and tells him to go wash. He did not know that Jesus was the one putting the clay on his eyes. He was willing to do anything if it would help him to see. But when his eyes were opened and he could see for the first time he told all of the people that Jesus,

Bible teaches us in Romans 6:23 that "the wages of sin is death." But the Bible does not teach us that because we see a crippled man or a blind man that we can say ---- that man is blind because of his sin. We cannot say because we see a person crippled that they are crippled because of some sin their parents committed. No. The Bible does not teach us that.

We know, however, that if there was no sin in the world there would not be any suffering. But because man has sinned all men suffer. When Jesus answered the disciples he said, "This man is not blind because of a sin that he has committed. Neither is he blind because of some sin that his parents have committed." Sin is the cause of his suffering but you cannot say whose sin.

After telling the disciples that a person could not say whose sin caused the blindness, Jesus said: --- "But that the works of God might be made manifest in him". Jesus was not saying that this man was born blind so that Jesus could open his eyes. It would be very cruel of God, and it would be unlike God to make someone blind so that one day Jesus could come by and heal him. God is not like that. God is love. He does not try to make problems for us He sent Jesus into the world to take away our problems.

When Jesus saw the Blind Man he said to the disciples; "Here is an opportunity for God to work, and I must work the works of him that sent me." Then Jesus spit on the ground and made some clay. He then took the clay and put it on the eyes of the Blind Man. With the clay on his eyes the Blind Man started to the pool of Siloam to wash as Jesus had told him to do.

When the neighbours and friends saw that the man's eyes were open and he could see they were very

Then out of the crowd standing near Jesus the woman spoke. "I touched you", she said. And falling down before Jesus she told Him the story of her sickness and why she had touched Him. Then Jesus, with a heart full of love said to the woman: "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace and be whole of thy plague". And this poor woman, diseased for twelve years found forgiveness and healing in Jesus Christ.

LESSONS

1. Jesus is never too busy to help a person in need. In these verses we have seen that Jesus was on His way to help Jarius. But when He found another person in need he stopped to help. This is the way Jesus wants us to be. We are to be busy with God's work, but not too busy to help people in need.
2. Jesus has powers to do what no one else can do. This poor sick woman had tried everything. She had gone to doctors. She had tried different medicines. But all of these had not healed her. Jesus healed her. Nothing is too hard for the Lord Jesus.
3. This woman was healed because of her faith. Faith is putting out your hand to receive what Jesus can give you. This woman had faith in the power of Jesus. There were other sick people in that crowd that day. Surely she was not the only one who was sick. But she is the one that the Bible tells us was healed. She was a person of faith. If we want to know the power of God in our lives we too must have faith.

4. There is a great difference between standing in the crowd and touching Jesus. There are many who come to church. They know how to say prayers, but they do not know the power of God in their lives. Jesus wants us to touch Him in faith.
5. After the woman was healed. Jesus wanted her to share. This is why he asked; "Who touched me?" He wanted this woman to know the joy that comes in telling someone else of the blessings of God.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why do you think this woman was healed?
2. Why did Jesus ask; "Who touched me?"
3. What is the difference between touching Jesus and just walking along with the crowd?

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LESSON 9

JESUS AND THE MAN BORN BLIND

SCRIPTURE: John 9: 1-41.

MEMORY VERSE:

"If this man were not of God he could do nothing."

John 9: 33.

THE STORY

This lesson on Jesus and the Blind Man is one of the most important ones in the Bible. It shows us the problem of sin, and it shows us the reason Jesus came to live on earth.

The day Jesus met the Blind Man had been a very hard day. Because of His words the Jews had tried to throw stones at Him. But before they could throw them Jesus slipped out of the Temple and walked away. As He was walking away with His disciples He saw the Blind Man.

When the disciples saw the Blind Man they began to ask questions. Looking at Jesus they said; "Master who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered them and said; "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him."

The disciples asked Jesus; "Is this man blind because of his sin, or because of some sin that his parents have committed?" The Bible teaches us very clearly that all sin brings suffering and troubles. The

wanted in his heart. Money and power cannot give you what Jesus wants you to have. The only way to receive the gifts from Jesus is to be "born again".

QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean to be "born again?"
2. Who can be "born again?"
3. Does Jesus want all people to be "born again?"

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LESSON 5

JESUS AND ZACCHAEUS

SCRIPTURE: Luke 19: 1-10.

MEMORY VERSE:

"For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Luke 19: 10.

THE STORY

About the same time Jesus met Bartimaeus He also met Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was one of the three last men to repent before Jesus died on the cross. The last three to repent before the death of Jesus on the cross were, Zacchaeus, Bartimaeus, and the thief on the cross. This is how Jesus met Zacchaeus.

Jesus was passing through Jericho. And as it had been for many days, many people were trying to see Jesus. Everywhere He walked there were people following. They tried very hard just to see Him. As soon as the word was passed around that Jesus was coming the crowds began to gather. As He passed through Jericho, people were standing everywhere.

One of the people who wanted to see Jesus that day was a little man named Zacchaeus. He was a tax-collector. Even though he was a Jew he was working for the Roman Government. He was a traitor to his own people. Because of this the people did not like him. They did not like him because he had taken all of their money for taxes. The Roman Government would tell the tax-collectors how much money they wanted from the people. Then all of the money the collectors could get over this amount they could keep.

Zacchaeus had made very much money and made very many enemies.

Now he wanted to see Jesus. But because there were so many people he could not get to the edge of the path to see. He was a very short man and could not see over the heads of the ones who were in front of him. There was only one thing to do. If he wanted to see Jesus as he passed he would have to climb up a tree. And climb up a tree he did.

When Jesus passed by the tree he stopped. And he looked up into the tree. Then seeing Zacchaeus Jesus said; Zacchaeus, come down, for I am going home with you today". The people were very surprised. They could not understand why Jesus was going home to eat with a tax-collector. Jesus was going to eat with a sinner.

Zacchaeus hurried down the tree as fast as he could. Jesus had called his name. Jesus had asked him to come. And as he stood before the Lord Jesus, he said: "Lord, half of my goods I will give to the poor and if I have taken anything from any man in a wrong way, I will return it to him four fold."

Jesus listened to his words and then spoke some wonderful words of peace. "This day is salvation come to this house," Jesus said. And Zacchaeus became a disciple of Jesus Christ. The man everybody hated was changed when Jesus loved him.

LESSONS

1. When Jesus called Zacchaeus came. He had one opportunity. The Bible says; "Jesus was passing by." We do not know how many opportunities we will have. It is very important for

about the new birth. It was found not with the mind, but with faith in the heart.

LESSONS

1. There is only one way a person can become a christian. If a person wants to be a christian he must be "born again". Good works will not bring us salvation. Going to church every Sunday will not make a person a christian. There is only one way for a person to become a christian. To be a christian and follow the way of Jesus you must be "born again."
2. All people are the same when they stand before Jesus Christ. In some of the other scriptures we have studied we have seen Jesus helping people who were very poor. We have studied how Jesus helped people who did not have any friend. But with Nicodemus Jesus was working with one of the rulers. This did not make any difference to Jesus. Jesus sees all people as they are. He does not try to make them like other men. He wants them to be like Him. Nicodemus was a ruler of the people, but when he came to Jesus he was a sinner needing God's forgiveness.
3. Money and places of power do not make people happy. Here was a man who had money. Nicodemus was a rich man. With his money he could buy many things, but he could not buy the one thing that he needed. Money could not buy forgiveness of his sin. He was a ruler. He had the power to tell the people what they should do. Because of his position the people looked up to him. But even his place as a ruler could not give him what he

The Bible also tells us that he was wealthy. In John 19:39 we are told that Nicodemus brought "a mixture of myrrh and aloes about an hundred pound weight" to annoint the dead body of Jesus. Only a rich man could have brought that to Jesus.

The Bible also tells us that Nicodemus was a ruler of the Jews. He was one of their leaders. He sat on one of the high councils of the Jews. He was a very important man ---and He wanted to talk to Jesus.

After he had heard Jesus teach and watched as He led the people Nicodemus went to the place where Jesus was sleeping. John tells us that it was at night when Nicodemus came to Jesus. Jesus listened as Nicodemus talked and then Jesus looked at him and said: "Nicodemus, you need a new heart, you need to be born again." Nicodemus had never heard this before. Born again? How? He was a man. How could he be born as a baby again? Then Jesus explained to him that he needed to be born again of God's Spirit. He needed to turn from the ways of sin. He needed to trust in God to give him a new heart.

Nicodemus listened, but he did not understand. Jesus knew he did not understand. Then Jesus asked him a question. "Nicodemus, have you ever seen the wind?" "No, I have never seen the wind," he said. Then Jesus began to explain to him. There are many things in our lives that we do not understand. We know the wind blows, because we can hear it and we can see the trees move as the wind blows through them. But we cannot see the wind. We can only see what the wind does. We can only see that the wind is blowing. That is all.

And with kind words Jesus began to tell Nicodemus that it was not possible to understand with the mind all

each one of us to take advantage of every opportunity to speak and work for Jesus.

2. Men need to realize that God needs them and they need God. There is not one person that God does not need. There is not one person that God does not love. Other people may hate but God does not hate people. God needs you and you need God. The people did not like Zacchaeus, but Jesus loved him.
3. In this story Jesus looked up in the tree and saw Zacchaeus. But many times Jesus looks up and sees people we do not see. The eyes of Jesus are always open for people who need him.
4. Zacchaeus was a very determined man. He came because he wanted to see Jesus. The crowd would not help him. But he would not forget why he came. He came to see Jesus. The only way he could see Jesus was to climb a tree. So he climbed the tree. He would not be discouraged. Many times people who say they love Jesus will let little things keep them away from their Lord or their church. But this was not the way with Zacchaeus.
5. You can never tell what a person is really like by the way they look. Zacchaeus was a very rich man. To many of the people it looked like he had everything. He probably had a big house. He probably had a nice family. And everybody knew he had money. Because Zacchaeus was a tax-collector. But still with all of these things he was not happy. In his heart he still wanted something else. Money can buy things for us to hold in our hands,

but only Jesus can give us the love that can fill our heart.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Jesus come to live on earth? Read Luke 19: 10.
2. What did Zacchaeus want to do after he became a Christian?
3. What impresses you most about Zacchaeus?

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LESSON 8

JESUS AND NICODEMUS

SCRIPTURE: John 3: 1-21; 7: 50-52; 19: 39.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

John 3 : 3.

THE STORY

Jesus was in the city of Jerusalem for the Passover. There were many many people in Jerusalem because of the Passover. They had heard Jesus speak and they had watched Him as He drove the money-changers from the Temple. Many of them had heard about the miracles He performed. Because of His words and His power many of the people in the city of Jerusalem believed in Him. Many of them had many questions as they listened to His words.

One of the people who had questions was a man whose name was Nicodemus. Nicodemus was a very important man. The Bible tells us that he was a Pharisee. The Pharisees were the most religious people in the world when Jesus came. But there is a difference between being religious and knowing Jesus. You can be religious and still not be a Christian. To say a person is religious means that they believe in something. Those who believe in Mohammed are religious but they are not christians. Only those who believe in Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour are christians. The Pharisees were religious but they were not christians. Nicodemus was a Pharisee.

3. Everybody has something to give to Jesus. This woman of Samaria had lived a sinful life. She had not followed the ways of God in her life. But even though her life was filled with sin -- she still had something to give to Jesus. Jesus wanted her to give him her heart. Every person has something to give to Jesus. Jesus wants us to give Him our lives.
4. Jesus sees possibilities in every life. The people in the town did not like this sinful woman. But Jesus saw possibilities in her. After she found Jesus as the Messiah she ran back into the town and told the people. Because of her witness all of the town came out to hear the words of God's Son. We should never look at anyone and think that they can do nothing. When Jesus comes into a person's life He gives them the power to do many things for Him.
5. The time for us to carry the Gospel of Jesus to our friends and neighbours is now. If we will go and tell about Jesus the people will come to hear His words.

QUESTIONS:

1. What do you think is important in these verses we have studied today?
2. What does Jesus want you to do with your life?
3. Have you ever brought one of your friends to hear the words of Jesus?

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LESSON 6

JESUS AND THE LEPER

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 8: 1-3; Mark 1: 40-45;
Luke 5: 12-15.

MEMORY VERSE:

"And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean."

Mark 1 : 41.

THE STORY

Leprosy is a very bad disease. It is one of the worst diseases that men can have. Today, we can be thankful that the doctors have found medicine that will cure leprosy. Back in the days when Jesus lived here on earth they did not know a cure for the disease of leprosy.

When a person first began to get the disease little bumps would be seen all over the skin. Then these little bumps would turn red and the skin would become dry. As the skin started drying out it would turn white. The head would be very dry and the hair would begin falling out. Then as the disease would get worse the fingers and toes would begin falling off at the joints. It was a very bad disease.

Added to the pain of the disease was the fact that a person who had leprosy was put outside the city. Everything they touched became unclean. They could not drink out of a cup that others might want to use. They could not use the same blankets that others would use. Everything they touched had to be thrown away.

In order to keep them from coming into contact with other people they were made to wear a bell around their neck. Whenever someone came near them they had to ring the bell and call out, "Unclean". The people who had leprosy had a very hard life. No one wanted them and no one helped them. They were outcasts.

The longest sermon in the New Testament that Jesus preached was the Sermon on the Mount. (It is in Matthew chapters 5, 6 and 7). Jesus had just finished preaching this sermon and was coming down from the mountain. Many of the people were following him. They had never heard words like the words he spoke to them. And all of a sudden into that crowd came a leper. As he walked up to Jesus, he said, "Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean."

As Jesus looked down at him His heart was filled with love. The Bible says: "He was moved with compassion." Jesus never did see a man that He did not love. And then Jesus put forth His hand and touched the leper and said: "I will, be thou clean." And immediately that very minute his leprosy was gone. Gone were the white spots. Gone were the sores. The man was healed. His body was whole again. The wonderful thing about this is that Jesus touched him. This was not what the people would do. Who would touch a leper? Who would reach out with a clean hand and touch the body of one who had the terrible disease of leprosy? Only Jesus. Only Jesus.

Then Jesus told him to go to the priests and do the things that Moses commanded. To know what Moses commanded the people to do for cleansing from leprosy read Leviticus 14: 4-32. This is what the law told them to do. But no one was ever cured of leprosy by this method. The only man ever cured of leprosy in

and ran back to her town. She ran up and down the streets telling all of the people, "I have found the Messiah, He is here, come with me."

And they came. All of the people in the town followed her as she ran back to the place where Jesus was waiting. When Jesus looked up and saw the people following the woman he turned to His disciples and said, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." He was telling His disciples that the hearts of the people were hungry now to hear the Word of the Lord. It is still the same today. When one person tells others of the wonderful love and forgiveness of Jesus others follow.

LESSONS

1. When Jesus met the woman of Samaria He was tired and hungry. He had traveled far, but He was not too tired to help a person in need. Many times we think we are too tired to go and speak a word for Jesus. Many times people come to our houses and need help. What do we do? Do we tell them we are very tired? Do we help them? Jesus always gave His very best. Do you?
2. In the world we live in there are many prejudices. Sometimes people do not like others of another tribe. Sometimes people do not like others of another race. If we have prejudice in our hearts we cannot be what Jesus wants us to be. Prejudice is hatred. We cannot have hate in hearts if we have the love of Jesus in our hearts.

Then Jesus explained to her that the water He was talking about was the water of Life. Living water that would fill the heart with the blessings and goodness of God. It was the water of forgiveness that God gave to those that loved Him. "Sir, give me this water", she said.

When she said this Jesus began to talk with her about her own life. This woman had a very unhappy life. She had been married five times. And now she was living with a man who was not her husband. The people in the town where she lived did not like her. If she had been accepted by the people in the town she would not have been drawing water at noon. The women in the town came to draw their water early in the morning and late in the afternoon. But she came alone at noon to draw her water. She did not have friends in the town. She was a sinful woman and the other women did not like her. But Jesus loved her.

She listened to every word He said. She listened to His words about her own life, and she listened as He told her about the worship of God. He told her where she could find God. In the days that are past, he said, people went to certain places to worship. But now, they can worship God in their hearts wherever they are. "For God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." True worship comes from the heart. "You can believe these words that I tell you", Jesus said, "Because I am the Messiah that you have been looking for."

As Jesus said this the disciples returned. When they saw Jesus talking to the woman they were very surprised. They were surprised because Jesus was talking to a Samaritan. But the woman did not see the disciples. She was so excited when she learned that Jesus was the Son of God that she left her water pots

the Old Testament was cured by a miracle -----not by this method.

LESSONS

1. No man is too diseased to come to Jesus. People may look at a person and say they are dirty, but never Jesus. Jesus said; "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." Jesus sees men as they can be, not as they are. Everyone else may say unclean, but never Jesus.
2. With Jesus the highest law was always the law of love. Jesus was different from all others. With Jesus the ceremonial laws of the Old Testament gave way to the law of love. Later in His ministry Jesus told the disciples that all of the laws could be covered by two laws. The first, "Love the Lord Thy God with all thine heart", and "thy neighbour as thyself." Love fulfills all of the law.
3. Look for a moment at the confidence this leper had in Jesus. There was no doubt in the leper's mind about Jesus' power to heal. When he came to Jesus he said: "If thou wilt". What a joy we could have in our hearts if we had this kind of confidence in Jesus. "If you believe, all things are possible."
4. The law said that if anyone touched a leper he would get leprosy. But Jesus touched him. This is a wonderful picture. Jesus had just finished teaching his disciples and the people about the new commandments of His Kingdom. He told the people His way was very hard. He told them to do more for others than the law

demands. He told them to be examples to the world. And now as He walked down from the mountain a leper ran to meet him. And Jesus showed the people that He would do the things He told them to do.

5. If you and I are to be like our Lord Jesus we must take people where we find them and do all that we can to help them be their best. We are not here to make rules for people. We are here to show all people the love of God in Jesus Christ.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did Jesus do to the Leper that was different?
2. What is the greatest thing we can do for others?
3. Does Jesus love all people? Have you told them of His love?

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LESSON 7

JESUS AND THE WOMAN OF SAMARIA

SCRIPTURE: John 4 : 1-35.

MEMORY VERSE:

"God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in Spirit and in truth."

John 4 : 24.

THE STORY

Jesus was very tired. The sun was high in the sky and the roads were dusty. It was a hot day when Jesus walked up to the well that was known as Jacob's well. Thirsty from his journey Jesus sat down on the well. It was not long until a woman of Samaria came to draw some water from the well. Jesus was alone when the woman came to draw water. He was alone because his disciples had gone into town to buy some food.

When the woman began to fill her water pots with water from the well Jesus asked her to give Him a drink of water. The woman was very surprised. Jesus was a Jew. She was a Samaritan. And in those days a Jew did not speak to a Samaritan. The woman looked up at Jesus and said; "How is it that you, being a Jew, ask me to give you a drink, I am a Samaritan?"

In a very kind way Jesus answered her and said; "If you knew who I am you would ask me for a drink, and I would give you living water." Looking at Jesus the woman asked him how he could give her water when he did not have a pot to draw water with.