

chauffeur was ill. Then there was poor old Miss Budd who was so crippled with rheumatism she could hardly walk. Alison Stewart said: "Let's take Mrs. de Vere Smith;" Ian said: "Let's take poor old Miss Budd".

Ian got his way and Miss Budd was saved a long tramp to her cottage.

Whose choice of passengers pleased Jesus?

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FOURTEENTH CHAPTER

The Man with Dropsy

Verses 1-6

READ how Jesus went to dine with a Pharisee and again did a cure on the Sabbath, *and*

READ how once again He silenced His critics.

Lessons on Humility

Verses 7-14

READ how Jesus noticed the guests pushing their way into the best seats.

READ how Jesus said we should give to them from whom we can expect no return.

For You to Answer

If the lines are not enough write on a separate sheet.

1. From what complaint was the sick man suffering?

2. Before Jesus healed the man what did He ask the Pharisees and lawyers?

3. What did they answer?

4. What places did the guests choose?

5. Which places should we choose?

6. What will happen to people who exalt themselves?

7. What will happen to those who humble themselves?

8. To what sort of people should we give hospitality?

9. What will such hospitality win?

10. When will this reward come?

What Do You Think?

Mrs Brown, Mrs. Bright and Mrs. Barker organised a concert to raise money for the Church. Mrs. Barker and Mrs. Brown did most of the work but Mrs. Bright was the one who interviewed the reporter of the local paper. When the account was published all the credit for the successful

entertainment was given to Mrs. Bright. No mention was made of either of the others.

Mrs. Barker was furious and vowed she would never take part in anything of the kind again.

Mrs. Brown took it quite calmly — she had worked to help the Church and wasn't at all upset that Mrs. Bright got all the credit. Which of these was most pleasing to Jesus?

ROSE and Ronald were twins and were having a birthday party. They each made a list of the people they wanted to invite—Rose's list had the names of her special friends and also of people she knew were badly off and did not get much pleasure.

On Ronald's list were only the names of well-to-do people who were likely to give him a good time and perhaps help him to get a well-paid job. Ronald hardly knew them but he thought they might be useful to him. Whose list was most pleasing to Jesus?

THE Stewarts were driving home from Sunday Mass. They had room for one more in their car. They discussed to whom they should offer a lift. There was young Mrs. de Vere Smith who had to walk because her

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FOURTEENTH CHAPTER

The Great Supper

Verses 15-24

READ the parable of the great supper. The Jews had the first chance of salvation but they ignored Jesus' invitation and so it was offered to the Gentiles.

Jesus' Followers

Verses 25-35

READ how Jesus tells us that if we want to follow Him we must put Him before everyone and everything; and how His followers must be prepared to suffer for His sake.

READ how Jesus says we should not begin an undertaking unless we are prepared to see it through. Those who enlist in Jesus' service must be prepared for what that entails.

For You to Answer

1. Whom did the host send out when the supper was ready?

2. What excuse was made by the man who had bought a farm?

3. What excuse was made by the man who had bought some oxen?

4. What excuse did the third man make?

5. Where did the host then tell the servants to collect people for the feast?

6. What kind of people were they to bring in?

7. Where were the servants to go next?

8. Who rejected Jesus' offer of salvation?

9. To whom was the offer transferred?

10. What must Jesus' disciples be prepared to carry?

11. What should a man do before he begins to build?

12. What will happen to salt that has lost its flavour?

What do You Think?

JOAN fell in love with a non-catholic man whose wife had been in an asylum for over ten years. The doctors said she could never recover. The man wanted to get a divorce from her so that he and Joan could be married. Joan had to choose between this marriage and obedience to God's law which forbids Catholics to marry a divorced person.

What would a follower of Jesus have done?

HUGH had the offer of two jobs. If he took the first one he would get higher pay but he would only get Sunday off once a month to get to Mass because there was no evening Mass nearby. In the second one there was no Sunday work so that he could go to Mass every Sunday. Which job should a follower of Jesus have chosen?

GEOFFREY wanted to be a priest and his Bishop had accepted him for training. Geoffrey's uncle objected as he wanted to take him into his business and make him his heir. Whose claim should come first with Geoffrey?

WHOM do Christian Missionaries obey, when they leave their friends and their homes to go to distant lands to teach the heathen about God?

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FIFTEENTH CHAPTER

The Parable of the Lost Sheep and the Piece of Silver

Verses 1-10

READ how the Pharisees and Scribes objected to Jesus mixing with sinners.

READ the parables that Jesus told to show how much God loves sinners and what rejoicing there is in heaven when a sinner repents.

The Two Sons

Verses 11-32

READ how Jesus told another parable to teach us how ready God is to forgive humble and repentant sinners.

For You to Answer

1. What kind of people gathered round Jesus to listen to His teaching?

2. What does a shepherd do when a sheep goes astray?

3. What does he do when he finds it?

4. What does a woman do who loses a coin?

5. What does she do when she finds it?

6. What causes God and His angels to rejoice?

7. Who was angry at the feast given to the prodigal son?

8. Who said: "Your brother here was dead and has come to life again, was lost, and is found."?

Choose the Right Ending

1. Like the father in the parable who gave his son what he demanded and thus left him free to leave home, so . . . _____
2. We are like the son who used his father's money to take him to a distant land when . . . _____
3. We are like the son who came to his senses as soon as he realized he was in danger of dying of starvation when . . . _____
4. We are like the son who was in danger of never reaching home if he died in that far-off land because . . . _____

5. We are like the son who made up his mind to return home when _____

6. We are like the son who said: "Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before You when . . ." _____

7. God is like the father who took pity on his son when . . . _____

8. God is like the father who made merry at his son's return when . . . _____

Endings

- (a) ... we are in danger of never reaching heaven if we die in mortal sin.
- (b) ... He and His angels rejoice over one sinner that repents.
- (c) ... God will not force us to obey but leaves us free to choose whether we will do so or not.
- (d) ... we make an act of contrition.
- (e) ... we make a wrong use of God's gifts.
- (f) ... we come to our senses by realizing that mortal sin kills the supernatural life in our souls.
- (g) ... after a fall into sin we resolve to go to confession,
- (h) . . . God forgives us our sins.

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SIXTEENTH CHAPTER

The Unjust Steward

Verses 1-12

READ the parable of the unjust steward.

A steward manages property entrusted to him by the owner. We also are stewards. We have nothing of our own. We ourselves and everything we have belongs to God. If we waste time, it is God's time we waste. If we waste our health, our money, our talents, we are wasting things that belong to God and one day we shall have to give an account of how we have used them.

We all have something to learn from the steward, not his dishonesty, but his prudence and foresight are examples we should all copy. He looked ahead and prepared for the future.

In this life, whilst we still have the chance, we should do all we can to ensure our everlasting happiness in the future life.

Can you give an example of something that mankind might find good, but God would find wasteful?

God or Money?

Verse 13

Our life here is a series of choices. Consider, are we going to put the service of God first or is our chief aim to be money-making?

Divorce

Verses 14-18

READ how the Pharisees were always trying to win the approval of men, and sometimes

Succeeded. Jesus warns them that God, who sees into their hearts, cannot deceive

What does Jesus say about divorce?

Lazarus and Dives

Verses 19-31

READ this parable which is a terrible warning against selfishness.

Strike out the False Statements

Jesus commended the steward for his dishonesty and forethought.

Jesus commended the steward for his prudence and forethought.

I made myself, therefore I belong to myself and have a right to do as I like.

God made me, therefore I belong to God and He has a right to my

obedience.

We are not accountable to anyone for the use we make of things.

We are accountable to God for the use of the things He has given us.

God knows our most secret thoughts. No one knows what we are thinking.

We are justified in spending our money on luxuries and self-indulgence and how other people live is not our concern.

We must think of others and do what we can to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Dives was punished for what he neglected to do.

Dives was punished for ill-treating Lazarus.

We shall only be punished for sins we have committed.

We shall be punished for sins of omission.

Select the Missing Words

No _____ power can _____ the _____ of marriage.

It is a _____ to contract _____ in mortal sin, or in _____ to the _____ of the Church.

God _____ and sees all things, even our most _____ thoughts.

Knows

human

marriage

sacrilege

Laws

secret

bond

dissolve

Disobedience

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SEVENTEENTH CHAPTER

Beware of Giving Scandal

Verses 1-4

READ how Jesus denounces those who lead others astray by bad example.

READ, how we are told we should protest against wrong-doing but at the same time be ready to forgive as often as the offender is sorry.

Need of Faith

Verses 4-5

READ what Jesus says about the power of faith.

God's Right to our Service

Verses 7-10

READ how Jesus taught by a parable that God has complete rights over us and if we serve Him faithfully we do no more than our duty.

The Ten Lepers

Verses 11-19

READ how Jesus cured ten lepers and only one of them turned back to thank Him.

The Coming of the Kingdom and the Last Things

Verses 20-36

READ what Jesus said about the coming of the Kingdom.

READ Jesus' warning not to listen to people who pretend to know the time of His coming— People will be taken by surprise just as they were in the days of Noah and when Sodom was destroyed.

For You to Answer

1. Is there any limit to the number of times God forgives us?

2. Should we limit the number of times we forgive those who offend us?

3. What places was Jesus passing between when He met the lepers?

4. How many lepers were there?

5. What did the lepers say?

6. What did Jesus say to them?

7. How many of them did He cure?

8. How many remembered to thank Him?

9. Do we ever forget to thank God when He gives us what we have asked for?

10. What did Jesus say was within us?

11. What do you know of Lot's wife?

12. What did Jesus say about the coming of His Kingdom?

"THERE but for the grace of God goes John Bradford, remarked John Bradford when he saw a wretched criminal led to execution.

Had he the spirit of the Pharisee or the publican?

MRS. WRIGHT strongly disapproved of her neighbours. She complained that they wasted their time gossiping; "I'm sure they neglect their homes and I expect they are saying nasty things about their neighbours. For my part, I always keep myself to myself; I've no use for those common people and their goings on," she would say with her nose in the air.

Had Mrs. Wright the spirit of the Pharisee or the publican?

MR. ROBINSON suffered from headaches. He assured his doctor that he was a teetotaller, a non-smoker, an early-riser; that he always went to bed early, never frequented cinemas, theatres or football matches and ate sparingly of the simplest food. The doctor listened to this smug recital and then said: "I can only conclude that you have these headaches because your halo is too tight!"

Was there anything about Mr. Robinson that was like the Pharisees?

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EIGHTEENTH CHAPTER

Pray Without Ceasing

Verses 1-9

READ the parable by which Jesus taught perseverance in prayer.

The Pharisee and the Publican

Verses 10-14

READ the parable that Jesus told to teach us that true humility and sincere confession will win forgiveness but that there is no forgiveness for those who are proud and self-satisfied.

Jesus and the Children

Verses 15-17

READ how Jesus would not let the children be sent away and how He taught that a child-like spirit is necessary for those who want to enter the Kingdom of God.

The Rich Ruler

Verses 18-23

READ how a young man was held back from following Jesus.

The Danger of Riches

Verses 24-29

READ how Jesus says that great wealth may endanger our souls.

Peter and the Reward

Verses 28-30

READ how Jesus promised great rewards both in this life and in the world to come to those who have made great sacrifices for His sake.

For You to Answer

1. By what parable did Jesus teach us that we must pray perseveringly?

2. What parable did Jesus tell to teach that humble prayer finds favour with God?

3. Which of the two men's prayer did not please God?

4. Why?

5. What words did the publican use?

6. In what spirit should we accept the Kingdom of God?

7. Give the numbers of the commandments that the ruler said he had kept?

8. What did Jesus tell him to do before he could be His follower?

9. Why did this sadden him?

10. For whom is it very difficult to enter the Kingdom of God?

11. How will those who have made great sacrifices be rewarded in this world?

What do You Think?

PETER and Tony Jones had a fight over a bicycle which they shared. Tony was just getting on it to ride home from school when Peter said it was his turn to ride and Tony must walk. Tony resented his tone and hung on to the bicycle. Peter then seized the handle bars and then they both let go and began hitting each other. The headmaster saw them from his study window and sent for them and asked for an explanation.

Peter went in first and at once began to put all the blame on Tony. "I'm sure I don't want to quarrel with anyone but, after all, I am the eldest and I bought new tyres for the bicycle and I always let Tony have it whenever he wants it. I can't understand why Tony always loses his temper if he can't get his own way," he said.

Tony simply said: "I'm afraid I lost my temper, sir. Actually it was Peter's turn to have the bike."

Who was like the Pharisee?

Who was like the publican?

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EIGHTEENTH CHAPTER

The Passion Foretold

Verses 31-34 READ how Jesus foretold His Passion and how the Apostles did not understand.

Cure of a Blind Man

Verses 35-43 READ how Jesus cured a blind man.

For You to Answer

1. Of what did Jesus warn His Apostles?

2. To what place were they going?

3. Who had written about the Son of Man?

4. To whom would He be given up?

5. On what day would He rise again?

6. Did the Apostles understand Jesus' meaning?

7. Near what town was the blind man sitting?

8. How did he know that a crowd was passing?

9. What did he cry out?

10. What did Jesus say to Him?

11. What did He reply?

12. What did Jesus say had brought about his recovery?

13. How did he show his gratitude?

14. How should we show our gratitude for God's goodness to us?

Choose the Missing Words

The fourth article of the _____ is, 'Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was _____, dead and buried'.

The chief _____ of Christ were: first His agony and His sweat of blood in the Garden.

Secondly His being _____ at the pillar, and crowned with _____; and thirdly His carrying

His Cross, His crucifixion, and His _____ between two thieves.

scourged

creed
thorns

crucified

sufferings

death

TEST

Six of these statements are true and six false. Strike out the false ones.

God made me. No one made me.

I came into this world to have a good time and let the future take care of itself.

God made me to know Him, love Him, and serve Him in this world and to be happy with Him for ever in the next.

I am independent of God; therefore I can do as I choose.

God has a right to my obedience because I owe my existence to Him.

If I own a dog, I am its master and train it to obey me.

If I own a dog, I consider I have no rights over it, and it can do as it likes.

I have no obligation to anyone as to how I use my time.

It is my duty as a being entirely dependent on God to use my time in His service.

Jesus instituted the Sacraments but it doesn't matter whether I use them or not. Jesus instituted the Sacraments and my salvation depends on my right use of them.

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NINETEENTH CHAPTER

Zacchaeus

Verses 1-10

READ how a publican named Zacchaeus became Jesus' host, and of his repentance.

The Parable of the Pounds

Verses 11-26

READ the warnings contained in this parable.

WE are all subjects of Christ the King. There are some who are loyal and try to serve Him by using the gifts He has given them. But there are others who rebel against Him, and who neglect to use His gifts. These people never go to the Sacraments, neglect their prayers and do nothing to help their fellows.

When Jesus comes, the loyal subjects will rejoice because He will reward them for their faithful service, but the disloyal and neglectful servants will tremble at His coming, for they will be punished for their disloyalty and neglect.

For You to Answer

1. What was Zacchaeus by profession?

2. Why couldn't he see over the heads of the crowd?

3. What tree did he climb?

4. What sort of reputation had Zacchaeus?

5. What did Jesus say to him?

6. How did Zacchaeus prove his repentance?

7. What restitution did he make to those he had wronged?

8. What proportion of his fortune did he give to the poor?

9. What did Jesus say that He had come to do?

10. Whom did the nobleman in the parable summon?

11. What did he give them?

12. What did he tell them to do?

13. On his return what profit had the first servant made?

14. What had the second made?

15. What had the third done?

16. What was done with his pound?

17. What happened to the rebels?

Name some of the gifts which God has given you for which you will have to give an account

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NINETEENTH CHAPTER

The Day of Palms

Verses 29-34

READ how Jesus sent two of His disciples to fetch a colt.

The Procession

Verses 35-38

READ of Jesus' triumphal progress.

Jesus rebukes the Pharisees

Verses 39-40 READ how Jesus replied to the Pharisees.

Jesus laments over Jerusalem

Verses 41-44 READ how Jesus wept over the fate that He knew was in store for Jerusalem.

Jesus cleanses the Temple

Verses 45-48

READ how Jesus drove the traders out of the temple, and how the Jewish authorities wished to destroy Him but were held back by their fear of the people.

Who said:—

1. "Why are you untying the colt?"

2. "Because the Lord has need of it."

3. "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord."

4. "Master rebuke your disciples."

5. "The days will come upon you when your enemies will fence round about you and bring down in ruin both you and your children . . . and all because you did not recognize the time of my visiting you."

6. "My house is a house of prayer; and you have made it into a den of thieves."

For You to Answer

1. When does the Church commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem?

2. What are distributed on that day?

3. What Mountain were they near when Jesus sent His disciples to fetch the colt?

4. What did the disciples put on the donkey's back for Jesus to sit on?

5. What did they spread on the ground for Him to ride over?

6. Do you know (though not recorded by St. Luke) what boughs they cut to wave and strew in the way?

7. Over what city did Jesus shed tears?

8. Where did He teach?

9. Who hung upon Jesus' words?
