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Daily Bible Readings for Home Study and Worship

(Readings are for the week previous to the lesson topics.)

1. March 5. Jesus' Baptism

M — The Saviour and His Forerunner. Luke 1:67-80.
T — The Lamb of God. John 1:29-34.
W — Make Way for the Lord. Matt. 3:1-12.
T — Listen to My Son. Mark 9:2-8.
F — A Voice from Heaven. John 12:27-32.
S — Eyewitnesses to Christ's Majesty. II Pet. 1:16-21.
S — The Beloved Son. Mark 1:4-13.

2. March 12. Overcoming Temptation with the Word

M — God's Care in the Wilderness. Deut. 8:1-10.
T — Worship and Trust God. Ps. 95:1-11.
W — Resist the Devil. Jas. 4:7-12.
T — The Whole Armor of God. Eph. 6:10-20.
F — Stand Against Temptation. I Cor. 10:9-13.
S — Cast Your Cares upon Him. I Pet. 5:6-11.
S — Temptation in the Wilderness. Matt. 4:1-14a.

3. March 19. Doing the Father's Work

M — Made Whole by the Son. John 5:1-17.
T — In the Father's House. Luke 2:41-52.
W — Jesus Praises His Father. Luke 10:17-24.
T — Jesus Does What His Father Does. John 10:31-39.
F — Doing the Father's Will. John 8:25-30.
S — Obeying the Father. John 14:28-31.
S — The Son Honors the Father. John 5:19-29.

4. March 26. Submitting to the Father's Will

M — Placing Hope in God. Ps. 42:1-11.
T — Jesus' Hour Has Come. John 12:20-26.
W — Peace from Trusting Jesus. John 16:29-33.
T — Jesus' Work Complete. John 17:1-5.
F — The Will of Him Who Sent Me. John 6:37-40.
S — Cry Out to the Lord. Ps. 88:1-13.
S — Agony in the Garden. Matt. 26:36-50.

5. April 2. Crucified for Sinners

M — Jesus Sentenced to Die. Luke 23:13-31.
T — Christ's Death Foretold. Ps. 22:1-18.
W — Golgotha. John 19:16-24.
T — The Suffering Saviour. Isa. 53:3-12.
F — The Faith of the Thief. Luke 23:32-43.
S — It Is Finished. John 19:28-30.
S — Forsaken by God? Matt. 27:38-54.

6. April 9. Risen from the Dead! (Easter)

M — The Stone Rolled Away. Mark 16:1-11.
T — No Hope Without Resurrection. I Cor. 15:12-19.
W — God's Mighty Power. Eph. 1:15-23.
T — He Is Risen! Luke 24:1-12.
F — The Sign of Jonah. Matt. 12:38-42.
S — Not Abandoned to the Grave. Ps. 16:1-11.
S — An Empty Tomb. John 20:1-10, 19-20.

7. April 16. Proofs of the Resurrection

M — Many Infallible Proofs. Acts 1:1-4.
T — Christ Arose. I Cor. 15:3-8.
W — The Word of Life. I John 1:1-4.
T — Jesus with the Disciples. Mark 16:12-14.

F — The Road to Emmaus. Luke 24:13-35.
S — The Third Appearance. John 21:1-14.
S — Scripture Now Fulfilled. Luke 24:36-53.

8. April 23. The Bread of Life

M — The Feeding of the Five Thousand. John 6:1-13.
T — God Sends Manna. Ex. 16:4-18.
W — Complaints About Manna. Num. 11:4-10.
T — Judgment for Ungrateful Hearts. Ps. 78:17-31.
F — God's Mercy on Mankind. Isa. 55:1-7.
S — One with Christ. John 6:47-58.
S — The True Bread from Heaven. John 6:22-35.

9. April 30. The Light of the World

M — A Light to the Nations. Isa. 9:2-4.
T — The True Light. John 1:1-10.
W — Believers Shine Forth in the World. Phil. 2:12-16.
T — Life Through the Son. I John 5:5-13.
F — Out of the Darkness into the Light. John 3:16-21.
S — The Path of the Just. Prov. 4:14-22.
S — The Light of Life. John 8:12-20; 12:44-46.

10. May 7. The Good Shepherd

M — The Lord Is My Shepherd. Ps. 23:1-6.
T — The Lord's Flock. Ezek. 34:10-25.
W — Peter Commissioned to Shepherd. John 21:15-17.
T — Shepherd the Flock. I Pet. 5:1-4.
F — He Will Feed His Flock. Isa. 40:9-14.
S — Perfect in Every Good Work. Heb. 13:20-21.
S — The Door to Eternal Life. John 10:7-18.

11. May 14. The Resurrection and the Life

M — The Death of Lazarus. John 11:1-16.
T — Lazarus Raised to Life. John 11:28-45.
W — Awakening to Life or to Shame. Dan. 12:1-3.
T — The Resurrection of the Dead. I Cor. 15:20-26.
F — The Power of His Resurrection. Phil. 3:7-14.
S — The Resurrection of the Just and Unjust. Acts 24:10-21.
S — Those in Christ Will Never Die. John 11:17-27.

12. May 21. The True Vine

M — The Parable of the Vineyard. Isa. 5:1-7.
T — The Lord's Vineyard. Isa. 27:2-6.
W — Rooted in Christ. Col. 2:6-10.
T — A Fruitless Vine. Ezek. 15:1-8.
F — A Vine out of Egypt. Ps. 80:8-19.
S — My Servant the Branch. Zech. 3:6-10.
S — Abide in Me. John 15:1-17.

13. May 28. Jesus Prays for Believers

M — Our High Priest and Intercessor. Heb. 7:24-27.
T — Jesus Prays for our Oneness with God. John 17:22-26.
W — The Lord Prays for Peter's Faith. Luke 22:24-34.
T — Believe and Confess Jesus Is Lord. Rom. 10:5-17.
F — The Lord's Favor. Isa. 61:1-11.
S — Ask in Confidence. I John 3:19-24.
S — Prayer for Protection. John 17:6-21.

SCRIPTURE LESSON TEXT

MARK 1:4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

5 And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey;

7 And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

8 I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:

11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

12 And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness.

13 And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

NOTES

Jesus' Baptism

Lesson Text: Mark 1:4-13

Related Scriptures: Matthew 3:1-17; Luke 3:15-22;
Matthew 17:1-7; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36

TIME: A.D. 26

PLACES: wilderness of Judea; Jordan River

GOLDEN TEXT—"There came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Mark 1:11).

Preparing to Teach the Lesson

TODAY'S AIM

Facts: to show how the Father prepared Jesus for leadership.

Principle: to show that when God wants us in leadership, He calls us specifically for that task.

Application: to encourage students to be sensitive to God's calling for leadership in their lives.

INTRODUCING THE LESSON

Jesus knew from the very beginning about the calling upon His life. It was a calling to die, but it also was a calling to lead others to Him, for in Him alone is eternal life. In our lesson this week we explore how the Father prepared Jesus for a unique leadership role.

DEVELOPING THE LESSON

1. The forerunner of the Messiah (Mark 1:4-6). God chose a very unlikely forerunner to announce the arrival of the Messiah. The prophet Isaiah had already talked about him many centuries before. He was the unrefined and bold John the Baptist. John was probably a cousin of Jesus. His parents were Zacharias and Elisabeth, and he was just a few months older than Jesus.

John lived and preached in the wilderness. He told people to turn from their sins in repentance and turn to the living God. This would lead to forgiveness.

John also was known as the baptizer. When people repented of their sins, he baptized them publicly as an outward sign of their decision to follow in the ways of God.

2. The message about the Messiah (Mark 1:7-8). John's message was simple and forceful. It compelled people to pay attention to him, for it was about the Messiah, who was coming after him.

John acknowledged that the Person who was coming after him was far greater than he was. In fact, He was so great that John was not even worthy to untie His sandals.

John then proclaimed something that was very intriguing. He said that he baptized with water but that the One who was coming would baptize people with the Holy Spirit. The coming of this Messiah would change things. He would be like no other.

3. The Messiah declared (Mark 1:9-11). The time for the public manifestation of the Messiah had come. Jesus came down from Nazareth with