

## Luke - Commentaries by Favell Lee Bevan Mortimer

Peep of Day, Lesson 24: Jairus' Daughter (8:41-56)

Luke 8:41-56

A RICH man came to Jesus, and fell down at his feet and said, 'I have one little girl, and she is very sick; pray come and make her well.'

Jesus went with the rich man. When they were near the house, some servants came out and said, 'The little girl has just died; no one can make her well now.'

But Jesus said, 'Do not be afraid; I can make her well.'

He said to the father and mother of the little girl, 'Come with Me into the house. Peter, James, and John, you may come in, but no one else.'

So they went up into the room where the little girl was lying in bed. There were many people in the room playing sad music, singing sad songs, and crying, because the child was dead. But Jesus said, 'Stop crying. The girl is only sleeping; she is not dead.' Jesus said she was asleep, because He meant to make her alive again so soon. But the people laughed at Jesus. They said, 'She is dead.' They would not believe that He could make her alive again.

Jesus said, 'These people must be put out of the room.' So He sent them out and shut the door; but He let the father and mother, and Peter and James and John, stay in the room.

He took the little girl's hand and said, 'Arise!' First, she sat up, and then she got out of bed and walked about the room. She was twelve years old. Jesus then said, 'Bring her something to eat.' The father and mother were very surprised at what had happened.

Questions

Did Jesus ever make a dead child alive again?

Who were sitting round her bed when Jesus came?

Why did Jesus say that the girl was asleep?

What did Jesus do to the people who laughed at Him?

Who did Jesus allow to stay in the room?

How old was the girl?

God does everything.

A verse from the Bible for you to learn:

The Lord killeth, and maketh alive: He bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. 1 Sam. 2:6

Peep of Day, Lesson 23: The Storm at Sea (8:22-25)

Luke 8:22-25

JESUS often went into a ship with His disciples. Peter had a ship of his own, and John had another ship, and they liked to lend their ships to Jesus.

Once they were all in a ship, when the wind blew very hard and the water moved up and down and came over the ship. The disciples were afraid that they would be drowned. Jesus had fallen asleep and was lying on a pillow. The noise of the wind and of the water had not wakened Him.

His disciples went to Him and cried, 'O Master, dost Thou not care for us?' The disciples were afraid He would let them drown.

Then Jesus got up and said to the wind, 'Wind, be still!' And He said to the water, 'Be still!'

The wind stopped blowing, and the water was smooth and quiet. Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'Why were you afraid? Why did you not believe that I would take care of you?'

Jesus knew that they were tossed about, and He would have kept them safe though He was asleep.

The disciples said one to another, 'Jesus is the Son of God. Even the wind and the sea obey Him.'

#### Questions

What made the disciples afraid when they were in a ship?

Was it wrong of them to be afraid?

What did Jesus say to the wind and to the water?

What did the disciples say when they saw the wind and the water obey Jesus?

What the disciples said of Jesus after the storm:

A verse from the Bible for you to learn:

He commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey Him. Luke 8:25.

Peep of Day, Lesson 22: The Sinner and Simon (7:36-50)

Luke 7:36-50

WHY did Jesus come into the world?

To save people from hell.

But why did God say that people must go to hell?

Because everybody was bad.

Jesus can forgive people their badness, and make them good. But those whom Jesus forgives, He also makes them sorry for their sins. I will tell you about a proud man who was not sorry, and of a poor woman who was sorry.

A rich proud man asked Jesus to come and dine with him. Why did he ask Jesus? He did not love Him; he only asked Him so that he might hear Him talk. Yet Jesus said He would come.

The proud man did not treat Jesus very kindly. He gave Him no water to wash His feet, He put no nice-smelling ointment on them, he gave Jesus no kiss.

A poor woman, who had been very wicked, saw Jesus go into the rich man's house. She came up behind Jesus and began to cry for all her sins. She knew Jesus could forgive her, and she loved Jesus.

She had brought a box of ointment with her. She stooped down and her tears fell upon Jesus' feet, and with her tears she washed them. She wiped them with her long hair. Then she poured the nice ointment on them and kissed them.

The rich man looked at the woman very angrily; he knew she had been very wicked, and he was angry at seeing Jesus so kind to her.

But Jesus said to the proud man, 'This woman has been very wicked, but I have forgiven her, and she loves Me very much. She loves Me a great deal more than you do. You gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears. You gave Me no kiss, but she has kissed My feet ever since I came in. You gave Me no ointment, but she has poured very sweet ointment upon My feet.'

Then Jesus spoke kindly to the woman, and said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you.' So Jesus comforted this poor woman, but the proud man and his friends grew still more angry.

Jesus will forgive your sins if you if you ask Him;<sup>1</sup> but if you think yourself good, He will not forgive you. Jesus cannot bear proud people. <sup>2</sup>Though you are only a little child, you have done many wrong things; and you do not deserve to go to heaven. Oh, I hope Jesus will forgive you! I hope the Holy Spirit will come into your heart and make you feel very sorry for your sins. Then you will love Him, as this poor woman did.

#### Questions

How did the rich man behave to Jesus, after he asked Him to dine with him?

What did the wicked woman do to Jesus?

Why did she love Jesus so very much?

Why did Jesus forgive her all her sin?

Can Jesus forgive your sin?

God is merciful:

A verse from the Bible for you to learn:

Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee. Psa. 86:5.

Peep of Day, Lesson 21: Several Miracles (6:11-16)

Luke 6:11-16

AFTER Jesus had turned the water into wine, he did many other wonders. He made blind people see and deaf people hear. He made dumb people speak and lame people walk.

When Jesus came to a place, all the sick people crowded round Him. Jesus did not send them away because they disturbed Him, but He cured them all. Yes, every one of them.<sup>1</sup>

This was the way in which Jesus cured one blind man. He said, 'See!' And the man could see at that moment. <sup>2</sup>

This was the way in which He cured a man who was deaf and dumb. Jesus put His fingers into his ears and touched his tongue. He looked up to His Father in heaven and said, 'Be opened!' And immediately the string of his tongue was loosed, and he could speak plainly. <sup>3</sup>

Once Jesus saw a poor sick man lying on a bed. Jesus said to him, 'Would you like to be made well?' The poor man said he wished very much to be made well. Then Jesus said, 'Get up; carry your bed and walk.' When the man tried to get up, he found that he could; for Jesus gave him strength.<sup>4</sup>

One day Jesus was in a place like a church. When He was preaching, He saw a poor woman whose back was so bent that she could not lift up her head. Jesus said, 'Woman, I have made you well.' Then Jesus touched her with His hands, and her back grew straight, and she began to praise God. <sup>5</sup>

Sometimes Jesus made dead people alive again. That was even more wonderful than making sick people well.

Once Jesus was walking on the road. Many people were walking after Him, for people liked to see Him do wonders and to hear Him talk. They met some men carrying a dead man to put him in the ground.

A poor woman came after them, crying very much. She was the mother of the dead man. He was her only son. Jesus was very sorry to see her crying. He came up to her and said: 'Do not cry.' Then He touched the coffin. There was no top to it and the dead man was lying in it.

Jesus said, 'Get up, young man!' He sat up and began to speak. Then Jesus said to his mother, 'Here is your son.' All the people were surprised, and said, 'This must be the Son of God. He can make dead people live again.'

Questions

Why did sick and blind people come to Jesus?

How did He cure one blind man?

How did He cure a deaf and dumb man?

What did He say to a man who was ill in bed?

What did He say to the woman whose back was bent?

What could Jesus do that was more wonderful than making sick people well?

When Jesus was walking in the road, what did He see being carried by some men?

Who was crying very much because the man was dead?

What did Jesus say to the dead man?

What did the man do?

What did the people say when they saw the dead man come to life?

The wonders that Jesus did

A verse from the Bible for you to learn:

"He maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak."

Mark 7:37.

#### Peep of Day, Lesson 15: The Shepherds (2:8-20)

##### Luke 2:8-20

THERE were fields near Bethlehem. On the night when Jesus was born, some shepherds were sitting by their sheep in those fields. Why did they sit up at night? To keep their sheep from the wolves and lions which walk about at night. There are no wolves and lions where we live, but near Bethlehem there were some.

These shepherds saw a great light. A beautiful angel came from heaven. The poor shepherds were afraid; but the angel said, 'Fear not, I have good news to tell you. God has sent His own Son from heaven to save you from hell. He is a baby now, lying in a manger. Go to Bethlehem, and you will find Him.'

When the angel finished speaking, hundreds and hundreds of bright angels filled the sky, and began singing and praising God for having sent His Son to save many people.

At last the angels went back to heaven, and the shepherds were left alone.

Did they stay with their sheep?

No. They said, 'let us go and see the Son of God.'

They ran to Bethlehem and went to the stable at the inn. There was a babe lying in the manger. Mary and Joseph were sitting beside it. The shepherds said, 'This is the Son of God. Angels have spoken to us tonight. They told us where to find Him.'

All the people in Bethlehem were very surprised when the shepherds told them about the angels and the Son of God.

##### Questions

Who were in the fields near Bethlehem the night Jesus was born?

Why did the shepherds sit up at night?

What did they see in the sky?

What did the angels tell them?

Who sang the songs in the sky?

When the angels went away, where did the shepherds go?

Did the shepherds tell people what they had seen?

What the shepherds did:

A verse from the Bible for you to learn:

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. Luke 2:16.

#### Peep of Day, Lesson 14: The Birth of Jesus (2:1-7)

##### Luke 2:1-7

MARY'S husband was called Joseph. He was a good man, and very kind to Mary.

Now, before Mary's baby was born, a great king said that everybody must have their names written down.<sup>1</sup> So Mary and Joseph left their house and went on a long journey. At last they came to a town called Bethlehem.

But where could they sleep?

They went to an inn, and said, 'Do let us in. We have come from somewhere far away.'

But the man who kept the inn said, 'I have no room in my inn for you.'

What could poor Mary do? Must she sleep in the street?

No, the man let her sleep in the stable. So Mary and Joseph went into the stable. There were cows and asses in the stable.

While Mary was in the stable, God sent her the little baby He had promised her. She knew He was the Son of God, though He looked like other little babies.

She wrapped Him in some long clothes, called swaddling clothes. But she had no cradle for Him to sleep in, and she could not lay Him on the ground because the animals might stand on Him. So she put Him in the manger, and she sat by Him to take care of Him. How dearly Mary loved this sweet babe!

This baby did not have a bad heart as other babies have. Jesus had no sin, but was meek and lowly. Yet other babies have cradles and soft pillows, while Jesus lay in a manger.

I will tell you a verse to say to your little baby brother or sister when you rock the cradle.

Questions

What was the name of Mary's husband?

Why did Mary and Joseph take a long journey?

What town did they come to?

Did they sleep in the inn at night?

Why not?

Where did they sleep?

What baby was born while Mary was in the stable?

Did Mary know it was the Son of God?

Where did she lay her baby?

What did she wrap Him in?

Did Jesus look like other babies?

Was His heart like other babies' hearts?

About Mary and the Lord Jesus

A verse from the Bible for you to learn:

And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger. Luke 2:7.

Peep of Day, Lesson 47: The Two Friends (24:13-48)

Luke 24:13-48

IT was early in the morning when the women went to look for Jesus. In the evening two good men were walking together into the country. As they walked, they talked about Jesus. They had not seen Him since He was alive again. They did not even know that He was alive. They talked about Him dying on the cross. It made them very sad to speak about it.

At last a man came and spoke to them. They thought He was a stranger; yet He seemed to be a kind man.

He said, 'Why do you cry? I see you are talking about something very sad.'

'Yes,' said these good men, 'we are talking of something sad. Did you never hear of Jesus? Did you never hear what wonderful things He did: how He cured blind and dumb and sick people, and how He taught people about God? And all the people loved Him; but at last He was crucified. We thought He was the Son of God, but now we are afraid He was not, because He is dead. And we are afraid that we shall never see Him again.'

The kind stranger was sorry to see these good men cry. He began to talk to them, and to tell them that Jesus was the Son of God, and that He had been crucified to save people from their sins. So He must rise again and go back to His Father.

This kind stranger said a great deal more. He knew all the verses in the Bible, and told these men many things they did not know. They liked listening to the stranger; they did not feel so sad while He was talking.

At last these men came to their own house. It was in the country. The stranger seemed as if He was going on farther; but the two good men said to Him, 'Stay at our house; it is getting dark. Come and eat with us, and sleep here. Do come in.'

Then the stranger said that He would come in.

The men went into a room, and there they had supper. They all three sat down together round the table. The stranger took some bread and broke it and began to pray to God. Then the two men found out who the stranger was.

'It is the Lord!' they cried. And so it was. They looked towards Him, but they could see Him no more. He did not open the door, but yet He had gone.

Then the men thought of all that Jesus had said. 'How sweetly He talked to us!' they said. 'Did we not feel our hearts quite warm while He was speaking to us about the Bible, and telling us its meaning?'

Do you think these men went to bed that night?

O no! They could not sleep. 'Let us go,' they said, 'and tell the disciples that we have seen Jesus.' So they left their supper and set out in the night to walk back to Jerusalem. They walked quickly and soon came to the city.

The disciples were all shut up together in a room. They had locked the doors to prevent the wicked people getting in, but they let these good men come in. The disciples were at supper.

'We have seen Jesus,' said these good men, 'He walked with us and talked with us, but we did not know Him till He sat down with us at supper and broke some bread and gave thanks to His Father.' The disciples said, 'Some women have seen Him, and Peter has seen Him.'

But, while they were eating their supper and talking about Jesus, they looked and saw Jesus standing in the middle of the room. Though the door was locked, He had come in. How do you think the disciples felt?

They were frightened: they could not believe that it was indeed Jesus Himself.

Jesus spoke kindly to them. 'Why are you afraid?' He asked. Then He said, 'Look at My hands and feet. It is I Myself.' Then Jesus showed His disciples the marks that the nails had made in His hands and feet, and the hole that the spear had made in His side.

Then the disciples saw that it was their own dear Master. They were glad, very glad to see Him. They had been crying ever since they had lost Him. They saw that He had forgiven them for having run away. He said nothing to them about it. He had even forgiven Peter. He knew that Peter loved Him, and that he was very sorry.

The disciples were so surprised to see Jesus that they could hardly believe He was alive. Jesus knew that they did not quite believe, so He said, 'Have you anything to eat?' Then the disciples gave Him a piece of fish and some honey from their supper. Jesus took the food and began to eat, so that the disciples might see that He really was alive.

Then afterward He talked to them and told them why He had died, and that He was going back to His father to pray for them.

That was a pleasant night for the poor disciples. It was not like that sad night when Jesus was so sorrowful in the garden. His sorrows were over, and He would never feel pain again anymore.

## Questions

On what day did Jesus come out of His grave?

What were two good men doing that evening?

What were they talking about?

Who came and walked with them?

Did they know that Jesus was with them?

What did Jesus talk to them about?

Did Jesus come into the house of the two good men?

When did they find out who He was?

Did Jesus stay in the room?

Did the good men stay in their own house that night?

Where did they go?

Who came into the room although the door was locked?

What did Jesus show to all His disciples?

Were the disciples sure that Jesus was the same Jesus?

What did Jesus eat?

How Jesus made His disciples know Him again after He rose again:

A verse from the Bible for you to learn:

He showed unto them His hands and His side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. John 20:20.

Peep of Day, Lesson 41: The Cross, Part 2 (23:35-43)

Luke 23:35-43

PONTIUS Pilate wrote these words on the top of Jesus' cross: 'This is the King of the Jews.' But who were the Jews?

The people who lived in Jerusalem were called Jews.

All the wicked people laughed when they read these words.

They shook their heads and pouted their lips at Jesus, and said, 'If Thou art the Son of God, come down from the cross.' Could Jesus have come down?

He could do everything, but He chose to stay to die for His people.

The wicked people said, 'If God loved Him, He would not leave Him to die on the cross.' But His Father let Him die to save people who have sinned.

There was a cross on each side of Jesus, and a thief was nailed to each cross. One of these thieves laughed at Jesus. He said, 'Why dost Thou not save us if Thou art the Son of God?'

The other thief laughed at Jesus too. Then God forgave him for all his sins and made him sorry for them. Then he loved Jesus.

The thief who was sorry said to the other thief, 'We have been wicked; we deserve to be crucified; but Jesus is completely good.' Then he spoke to Jesus and said, 'Remember me when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom.'

And Jesus said, 'You shall be with Me in heaven today.' So Christ heard the poor thief's prayer, for Jesus died so that He might save all who believe that He is the Son of God.

If you go to heaven, you will see that thief.

Questions

What did Pontius Pilate write on the cross?

Did the wicked people come to see Jesus on the cross?

What did they say to Jesus?

Why did Jesus not come down from the cross?

How many people were crucified with Jesus?

Did both the thieves go to heaven?

What did one of the thieves ask Jesus to do?

Did he ask Jesus to save him from dying on the cross?

We must confess our sins to God

A verse from the Bible for you to learn:

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." 1 John 1:9.

Peep of Day, Lesson 40: The Cross, Part 1 (23:26-34)

Luke 23:26-34

THE wicked people were very glad when Pilate said that Jesus was to be crucified. They made a cross of two great pieces of wood and made Jesus carry it. They took him out of Jerusalem into the country. The wicked people came with Him.

Jesus was so weak that He could hardly walk, and the cross was so heavy that He could not carry it. He would have dropped down on the way if a man had not helped Him to carry the cross.

There were a few people who were sorry for the Lord Jesus. Some women, who loved Him very much, came crying after Him. Jesus heard them crying, and He turned round and spoke very kindly to them.

He said, 'Do not cry for Me; cry for yourselves and for your children.' Why did Jesus tell them to cry for themselves?

Jesus knew how God would one day punish the people in Jerusalem for their wickedness.

At last Jesus came to the top of a hill. Then the soldiers made Jesus lie on His cross, and they put nails in His hands and nails in His feet. So they nailed Him to the cross. Then the soldiers made a hole in the ground and stuck the cross in it.

They had taken off Jesus' clothes. And when He was on the cross, four soldiers tore the clothes in four pieces. They each took a piece. But when they looked at His coat they said, 'We will not tear it, because there is no seam in it'. Then one of the soldiers took it for his own. So the wicked people took everything away from Jesus.

Was Jesus very angry with them?

No, He was as meek as a lamb. He prayed to His Father while He was on the cross. He could not lift up His hands, but He could speak to God. He prayed for these wicked people. He said, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.'

Questions

Who carried Jesus' cross?

Could Jesus carry it by Himself?

Who came after Jesus crying, because He was going to die?

What did Jesus say to these kind women?

What did the wicked men do to Jesus when He came to the top of the hill?

Who took Jesus' clothes?

Did they tear them all?

Who did Jesus ask His Father to forgive?

Should we forgive people who are unkind to us?

Jesus' prayer for those who crucified Him:

A verse from the Bible for you to learn:

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Luke 23:34.

Peep of Day, Lesson 33: The Last Supper, Part 1 (22:7-14)

Luke 22:7-14. John 13:1-17

JESUS said to His disciples, 'I am soon going to be killed, but before I die I shall eat a supper with you in Jerusalem.'

Then Jesus said to Peter and John, 'Go and get the supper ready.' But they said, 'Where shall we get it ready?' Jesus had no house in Jerusalem, but He knew how to find a room.

So Jesus said to Peter and John, 'Go into Jerusalem, and you will meet a man carrying a jug. Go after him; he will go into a house. The master of the house will lend Me a room. Tell him that I am going to die, and that I want to eat a supper with My disciples.'

Then Peter and John went into Jerusalem. Who did they meet?

A man carrying a jug.

They followed him. He went into a house. Peter and John went in after him, and they said to him, 'Jesus wants a room to eat a supper in with His disciples, before His death.'

Then the master took them upstairs and showed them a large room. There was a table in it and seats all around the table. There was a jug, and a basin to wash their feet in, and a cup and dishes.

Peter and John got some bread and wine and other things and made the supper ready. Then they went back and told Jesus (who was in the country, not far away) that supper was ready. So Jesus and all His disciples came to the house in the evening. They went upstairs, and they



all sat down. Jesus loved John better than all the rest, and John sat next to Jesus.

After they had been a little while at supper, Jesus got up and took a towel and tied it round His waist. He took a jug and poured water into a basin, and He began to wash His disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel round His waist. But when He came to Peter, Peter said, 'Thou shalt never wash my feet.'

Peter thought it was too kind of Jesus to wash his feet, as if He was a servant. Jesus was not proud, but He loved to be kind to His disciples. Then Jesus said to Peter, 'If I wash you not, you cannot be Mine. But I have made you clean already.' Jesus had made Peter's heart clean. Now Peter was glad that Jesus should wash his feet.

All the disciples had clean hearts, except Judas. His heart was full of wickedness; Satan was in it. Yet Jesus washed Judas' feet. He was kind even to wicked Judas, who hated Him.

When Jesus had washed all the disciples' feet, He sat down again and began to talk to them. He said, 'Do you know what I have done to you? I have washed your feet, though I am your Lord and Master. I wish to teach you to be as kind to each other as I have been to you.'

Questions

Did Jesus have a house in Jerusalem?

How did He get a room to eat a supper in with His disciples before He died?

Who did He send to find the room?

How did Peter and John find out which house they were to go to?

What things were in the room?

Who sat next to Jesus at supper?

How many people were at the supper?

Why did Jesus pour water into a basin?

Why did Peter not like Jesus to wash his feet?

Had Jesus made His disciples' hearts clean?

Was Judas' heart clean?

Why did Jesus wash His disciples' feet?

What commandment did Jesus give to His disciples?

Christ's last command:

A verse from the Bible for you to learn:

This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. John 15:12.

Peep of Day, Lesson 13: The Virgin Mary (1:26-55)

Luke 1:26-55

GOD told Adam and Eve that He would send His Son down some day to die for them. But Adam and Eve did not love God, for they were now wicked.

Could God make them good?

Yes, He could, for in heaven there is the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit could come into them and make them good.

You know, my little children, we are wicked, and God can make us good by His Holy Spirit. If God puts His Holy Spirit in us, we shall not go to hell and live with Satan.<sup>1</sup>

I hope you will ask God to give you His Holy Spirit. Say to God, 'O give me Thy Holy Spirit to make me good!'

Adam had a great many children and grandchildren, and they had more children. At last the world was full of people more people than you could count.

After Adam and Eve had been dead a long while, and when the world was full of people, God said to His Son, 'Now, My beloved Son, go down into the world.' But God chose that His Son should be a little baby at first. Everybody is a little baby at first.

God sent His Son to be the baby of a poor woman. This woman's name was Mary. Mary had no little children. She was a good woman and loved God. God's Holy Spirit was in her and made her meek and gentle.

One day an angel came to her. When Mary saw the bright angel she was frightened; but the angel said, 'Fear not, Mary; God loves you. He will send you a baby. That baby will be the Son of God. You shall call His name Jesus. He will come to save people from Satan.'

Mary was very surprised at what the angel said. She thought she was not good enough to have such a baby as the Lord Jesus.

When the angel went back to heaven, Mary sang a sweet song of praise to God for His goodness. Mary said, 'My soul praises God, and my spirit is glad because of my Savior.' Mary called her baby her Savior, for she knew that He would save her from hell.

#### Questions

Did Adam and Eve know that God would send His Son to die for them?

Could God make Adam and Eve good again?

How could they be made good?

What must you ask for, if you wish to be good?

When did God send His Son down into the world?

Whose little baby did God's Son choose to be?

Who told her she would have a little baby?

What name did the angel say she was to give her baby?

What did Mary do when the angel went back to heaven?

Why Christ came:

A verse from the Bible for you to learn:

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." 1 Tim. 1:15.

Peep of Day, Lesson 31: The Temple (19:47-48)

Luke 19:47, 48; 20:19, 20; 21:37, 38

THERE was a large place in Jerusalem, like a large church, called the Temple. It was white outside, and very beautiful. The doors were open all day, and people used to go there to pray to God. It was God's house. Jesus used often to be there with His disciples. Poor, blind, and lame people came to Him there. Jesus cured them all, and talked to them about His Father.

The little children sang His praises in the Temple. All day long Jesus taught the people about God, and they listened to what He said. They liked to hear Him.

The wicked and proud men came to the Temple to laugh at Jesus. They spoke rudely to Him, but He bore it all as meekly as a lamb.

At night He left the Temple and went out of the town to a high hill, where He prayed to God alone in the dark.

The wicked men longed to catch Jesus to kill Him. They said to each other, 'How can we get Him? The people will not let us take hold of Him if they see us, or we would go to the temple to catch Him. If we could find Him alone in the dark, then we would put ropes on Him and take Him to the judge.' This is what the wicked people said to each other as they sat together.

#### Questions

Where was the Temple?

What did people do in it?

Did Jesus go there often?

Who came there to laugh at Jesus?

Where did Jesus go at night?

Why did the wicked men not take Jesus when He was in the Temple?

Did the wicked men know where Jesus went at night?

Wicked people are cruel.

A verse from the Bible for you to learn:

The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him. Psa. 37:32.

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