

LESSON II.—IMPRISONMENT OF JOHN; PREACHING OF CHRIST.

April 3 - 9, 2022.

Nazareth and Capernaum.

(Matt. 4:12-17; Luke 4:14-32.)

	<i>Side texts to be studied with questions.</i>
1. WHAT befell John the Baptist shortly after the events studied in the last lesson? Matt. 4:12. See note 1.	Luke 3:19, 20.
2. Upon hearing of this, where did Jesus go? See note 2.	Luke 4:14.
3. How did the Galileans at first receive Him? Luke 4:15.	John 4:45
4. When He came to Nazareth, what did He do? Verse 16. See note 3.	
5. On this occasion, from what book of Scripture was Christ asked to read? Verse 17.	
6. What portion of the prophecy did He recite? Verses 18, 19.	Isa. 61:1, 2.
7. Having finished reading, what application did He make of it? Verse 21.	Isa. 11:2; John 1:32.
8. How did Christ's teaching at that time affect those present? Verse 22.	Matt. 13:54.
9. What did He then predict they would soon say of Him, in view of His claim to being the Anointed? Verse 23.	Matt. 11:23.
10. How did He answer their anticipated objection? Verse 24.	Ex. 4:1.
11. By what accounts did He prove His statement true? Verses 25-27.	1 Kings 17:9; 2 Kings 5:1, 10-14.
12. How did this recital affect the minds of His hearers? Verse 28.	
13. What did they do with Christ? Verse 29.	
14. How did He escape from them? Verse 30.	
15. Where did He then go? Verse 31. See note 4.	

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| <p>16. Why did Christ then make Capernaum the center of His work? Matt. 4:14-16.</p> <p>17. From that time, what message did Jesus emphatically proclaim? Verse 17.</p> <p>18. How did His doctrine affect the people? Why? Verse 32.</p> | <p>Isa: 9:1, 2; 42:7.</p> <p>Luke 4:43.</p> |
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READING.

“Desire of Ages,” pp. 52, 214-235, 253.

NOTES.

1. Our last lesson left the Saviour in Jerusalem, where the Jews were seeking to kill Him. John 5:18. The place of John's imprisonment, according to Josephus, was in the strong fortress of Malchærus, nearly northeast of Jerusalem, on the frontiers of Arabia. Later, at the time of the Baptist's death, Herod had his court in a mansion adjoining the prison.

2. It is difficult to determine how long after Christ's baptism this tour of Galilee began. We know, however, that a great part of that interval was spent in Judea. The purpose of this is easily perceived. It seemed necessary to spend much time at first in the vicinity of Jerusalem, in order to give the leading Jews an opportunity to decide concerning His Messiahship. John having been rejected and cast into prison, Jesus proceeded to Galilee, there to call the twelve disciples, and to enter more fully upon His ministry. There is no record of His being much in Judea after this, except at the annual feasts, where He appeared in harmony with the requirements of the Levitical law.

3. At the scene of His childhood, youth, and young manhood,—at the very point where He was best known,—He gave His personal acquaintances the same opportunity that had been afforded the people of Judea.

4. “Capernaum” means the *village of Nahum*. It was on the west shore of the Sea of Galilee, near its head, or northern end, and was the boundary town between the territory of Philip and Antipas, hence contained a custom-house and garrison. Luke 5:27; 7:2.

