

**THE BEACON SERIES. A  
GRADED COURSE OF STUDY  
FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.  
JESUS OF NAZARETH**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649618217

The Beacon Series. A Graded Course of Study for the Sunday School. Jesus of Nazareth by Charles Edwards Park

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.  
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

[www.triestepublishing.com](http://www.triestepublishing.com)

**CHARLES EDWARDS PARK**

**THE BEACON SERIES. A  
GRADED COURSE OF STUDY  
FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.  
JESUS OF NAZARETH**



°  
**The Beacon Series**

A GRADED COURSE OF STUDY FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL  
6

---

°  
**JESUS OF NAZARETH**

---

BY

CHARLES EDWARDS PARK

---

UNITARIAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL SOCIETY

BOSTON, 25 BEACON STREET; CHICAGO, 175 DEARBORN STREET

## CONTENTS.

---

I.	Birth . . . . .	1
II.	Bad News . . . . .	3
III.	A Hurried Flight . . . . .	5
IV.	Growing Up . . . . .	7
V.	The Great Passover Feast . . . . .	9
VI.	The Fearless Preacher . . . . .	11
VII.	Finding his Work . . . . .	13
VIII.	A New Home . . . . .	15
IX.	Making Friends . . . . .	17
X.	A Wonderful Discovery . . . . .	19
XI.	An Open-Air Church . . . . .	21
XII.	A Trip across the Lake . . . . .	23
XIII.	Days of Happiness . . . . .	25
XIV.	Becoming Famous . . . . .	27
XV.	Hints and Suspicions . . . . .	29
XVI.	A Secret Problem . . . . .	31
XVII.	Messengers from John . . . . .	33
XVIII.	Making Enemies . . . . .	35
XIX.	The Fate of John the Baptist . . . . .	37
XX.	A Fugitive . . . . .	39
XXI.	Deciding the Problem . . . . .	41
XXII.	A Rift of Light . . . . .	43
XXIII.	The First Temptation . . . . .	45
XXIV.	The Second Temptation . . . . .	47
XXV.	The Third Temptation . . . . .	49
XXVI.	Starting for Jerusalem . . . . .	51
XXVII.	The Journey . . . . .	53
XXVIII.	Dark Forebodings . . . . .	55
XXIX.	Jericho . . . . .	57
XXX.	A Cry of Discouragement . . . . .	59
XXXI.	Fulfilling the Prophecy . . . . .	61
XXXII.	A Busy Week . . . . .	63
XXXIII.	The Last Meal Together . . . . .	65
XXXIV.	The Darkest Hour . . . . .	67
XXXV.	The End . . . . .	69
XXXVI.	Conclusion . . . . .	71



## JESUS OF NAZARETH.

### I. Birth.

LUKE II. 1-20.

A long time ago there was a carpenter who lived in a little town called Nazareth. His tools were simple and few, and the wood he had to work with was poor, so that he could not do the fine work carpenters do nowadays. His name was Joseph, and he was quite poor. But he married a girl named Mary, and lived humbly and contentedly in his little house in Nazareth. Mary would do the simple housework and would spin flax or grind barley, while Joseph worked busily with his tools, and so they got along quite nicely.

One day Mary was made very happy by God whispering in her heart that she should very soon have a little child. That was good news to Mary, and, as she thought about it, she determined that she would name her baby "Jesus."

Now, some time after Mary had learned this good news, Joseph came home one day and said they should have to go to Bethlehem, another town, on some matter of business. So he saddled his patient little donkey, and put Mary on its back, and took his staff, and set out for Bethlehem. But when they reached Bethlehem, he found that there was no room for them in any house or at the inn. So he went into a little stable of the inn, where the cattle lived, and he and Mary lay down in the sweet hay to sleep. That very night, as they lay sleeping on the hay in the stable, the little baby was born.

The good news had at last come true, and Mary was very happy indeed. She laid her little baby-boy in a manger, a trough out of which the animals ate their hay and grain, which made a very cosy crib for him.

Meanwhile a company of shepherds, who were watching over their sheep in the pasture outside of the town, were greatly startled to hear a wonderful voice which seemed to come to them out of the sky, and which told them that Jesus was to



be born that very night. They determined to go at once and see this baby. So they found the stable, and were the first persons to give their welcome to the little child Jesus.

---

1. In what country were the towns of Nazareth and Bethlehem?
2. What name does that country bear to-day?
3. In what province was Nazareth? In what province was Bethlehem?
4. What famous city was very near Bethlehem?
5. Who was Cæsar Augustus?
6. Why was Joseph obliged to go to Bethlehem?
7. Why did they take up their quarters in a stable?
8. How many years ago was Jesus born?
9. What do we call his birthday?
10. Aside from his parents, who were the first persons to see Jesus after his birth?
11. How did these men know about his birth?
12. How did people travel in those days?

## II. Bad News.

MATTHEW II. 1-13.

Mary and Joseph had to stay some time in Bethlehem, and the stable was the only place they could find to live in. But pretty soon people in the village began to hear the news, that a little baby had been born there in that stable, and lots of visitors came to see him.

One day among these visitors there came three strange, tall men, who evidently lived in a foreign land. They were very kind indeed to Mary and Jesus, for they gave him some beautiful little golden trinkets, and some incense and myrrh, which is a fragrant ointment something like perfumery. They said they had come from the East, and were going down to Egypt, and they thought they would stop and see this little baby, because they knew he was going to be a great man.

It seems that these three men were magi, or wise men, who lived in a country where people were very fond of studying the stars. They had seen some curious and remarkable constellation in that part of the heavens which had been allotted to the fortunes of the Jewish nation. From seeing this constellation, they had come to the conclusion that there must be some great king or prophet, perhaps even the Messiah, just born in the Jewish country. So they stopped on their way to Egypt to pay their respects to him. It was queer enough to see these tall, dark strangers, with their foreign dress and priceless gifts, bending over a humble manger in a Judean stable. It filled Mary's heart with awe and wonder, and on the whole she was quite relieved when, with a farewell salaam, they mounted their white camels and went their way.

That night poor Joseph had a dream, which came perhaps as a result of this visit. He dreamed that what these wise men had suggested was true, that his little baby-boy was indeed the great Messiah, sent from Heaven to be king over the Jews instead of Herod. In his dream he thought he saw Herod very angry at the birth of this little baby, so angry that he was

determined to kill him. We may be sure that Joseph awoke with a start, and slept but little more that night, and, when morning dawned, he lost no time in telling Mary his evil dream. They were childish, superstitious people, who believed in dreams. It seemed to them that this nightmare was undoubtedly the work of God's warning angel, telling them the bad news so that they could escape in time.

- 
1. What name was given to these three strangers?
  2. From what country did they come?
  3. To whom did they first apply for guidance?
  4. By what shrewd answer did Herod conceal his real feelings?
  5. How were they led to the house where Jesus was living?
  6. What is frankincense? What is myrrh?
  7. Why did they not return to Herod, as he had asked them to do?
  8. How was Joseph warned of Herod's jealousy?
  9. Whither was he bidden to fly?
  10. Why should Herod wish to injure the little baby?
  11. How far was Bethlehem from Jerusalem?
  12. What sort of a king was Herod?