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### LOCAL NEWSPAPER BIBLE STUDY CLUB

Suggestive questions on the Sunday school lesson by Rev. Dr. Linscott for the International Newspaper Bible Study Club.

January 2nd, 1910  
John the Forerunner of Jesus—Matt. III:12.  
Golden Text—The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Matt. III:3.  
Verse 1—What were the days referred to in verse one?  
What are the facts concerning John the Baptist, his parents, the time and place of his birth, his early training, the commencement of his ministry, his characteristics and the nature of his preaching?  
Where and what was the wilderness of Judea?  
Verse 2—What did John want the people to do when he urged them to repent?  
Why was it then, and why is it now, impossible for any person to enjoy the favor of God without repentance?  
What did John mean by saying "The kingdom of Heaven is at hand"?  
Has the Kingdom of Heaven been established on earth, and if so who are its citizens?  
Verse 3—What did Esau (Isaiah) foretell concerning John, and where is the passage to be found?  
In what sense did John prepare the way for Jesus?  
Verse 4—Why did John dress in such a plain way and eat such simple food?  
To what extent should good people, today, take John for an example in the matter of food and clothing?  
To what extent does God care as to what we eat and what we wear?  
If all you know of a man is that he is fastidious in the matter of dress and an epicure in his food, how would you rate him as to personal piety?  
Can men work as hard, think as clearly and accomplish as much, or more, in all departments of life on a vegetable as on a meat diet?  
Verses 5-6—How do you account for the wonderful interest which John's preaching created?  
If John were the permanent pastor of a church, in this town, do you suppose that he would be able to constantly keep up such a great revival as this story records?  
What did John's baptism signify?  
Was baptism then, and is baptism now for adults of any avail without a full confession of sin?  
Verse 7—When a member of a church is not a devoted man is he better or worse than any other sinner?  
If a minister of the gospel is not a truly good man, whose word is as good as his bond, how would you compare him with a layman of similar character?  
What is the tendency of the office of a pastor or of a bible class teacher as to making its incumbent a truly noble and an all-round morally and financially trustworthy man?  
Is a pastor of a church under any greater obligation to be a truly devoted man than his members? Why, or why not?  
These scribbles and pharisees were in those days what our pastors and church officials are in these days. How do you account for the fact that they were such bad men?  
Verses 8-9—What are the fruits of genuine repentance? (This question must be answered in writing by the members of the club.)  
To what extent does the fact that

a man has a noble and devoted ancestry recommend him to God?  
Can any person be saved because of his parents' goodness?  
Verse 10—Is it a fact, and why, that incompetent men fall and that bad men always come to grief?  
Verse 11—What is the difference between the personal results of John's baptism and that of the baptism of the Holy Spirit from Jesus?  
Verse 12—What reason is there for the belief that men and women make their own hell or heaven?  
Lesson for Sunday, January 9, 1910  
The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus. Matt. III:13-17; 4:1-11.

**UNDERWOOD**  
H. W. Hamlin and A. J. Haines were Portland visitors Tuesday.  
The ladies' club met this week with Mrs. H. C. Lowden at 2 p. m. Friday.  
Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Ariss spent Christmas with relatives in Portland.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Adams spent Christmas with Mr. Adams father at Cascade Locks.  
Mrs. A. J. Haynes and Mrs. W. F. Cash spent a couple of days in Portland this week.  
Mr. and Mrs. P. I. Packard went to Portland Tuesday expecting to stay for two or three weeks.  
The Ladies' Club met with Mrs. W. F. Cash on Friday of last week and report a very pleasant time.  
Rev. H. C. Lowden held a special Christmas service at the schoolhouse at which there was a large attendance.  
Mrs. G. C. Griffith and the new daughter (Arabella) came up from Portland last week, going out to the ranch.  
Miss Beatrice Stuart, of Portland, Oregon, is spending the holidays with her brother, L. J. Stuart, at Underwood.  
Frank M. Seeley, who has been spending a few weeks with his brother at Pomeroy, Washington, is home again for the holidays.  
Mrs. H. W. Hamlin, starts for the East Saturday night over the "North Bank." She expects to be gone about three months.  
Rev. H. C. Lowden has let a contract for clearing some 10 acres of his place and hopes to have some 20 acres ready to plant this spring.  
Harry Stickney, who was hurt by the breaking of a singletree on the stump puller is having quite a serious time with his knee, which struck by the sweep.

Harry Stickney who has charge of the Ballard tract of 120 acres, has a crew of men and three stump pullers at work, and is making good time in spite of the snow.  
Walter Fraine, who some twenty years ago had a sawmill in the Seeley neighborhood, was in Underwood a few days ago looking up old friends, very few of whom he had left here.  
Santa Claus spent a good deal of time in Underwood this year. Among those whom he left happy was our mail carrier, who found a Christmas present of \$1 in every mail box on the route.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Cummins went over to Hood River Friday to spend Christmas with their son Harry, who has a ranch in the Crapper district, but who is planning to move over here in the near future.  
W. B. Bine has made arrangements for the clearing of part of his place as soon as the weather will allow, and will plant it to Spitz, Newtons, Arkansas Blacks, Ortleys and Grimes Golden. The last three mainly as pollenizers.

Our school, under the able management of Mr. Leland Bristol is showing a decided improvement. Underwood is certainly very fortunate in securing the services of so able a man, we are glad that he has bought here and will be a permanent resident of Underwood.  
The Christmas entertainment at the school house Friday night was well attended. A telephone had been placed in the school house for the occasion, and connected with the main place of business of Santa Claus at the North Pole. "Cook" and "Hood" kept "listening in" but after getting the line cleared, a very instructive talk was had.  
The estate of Edward Underwood, deceased, has finally taken its course through the courts, and the 30 acres of land adjoining the Morrow-Packard Orchards have been sold to Mrs. P. I. Packard. It was originally intended as an investment, but Mrs. Packard, having sold her Portland property, has decided to hold and develop the tract. It will be planted to Newton, Spitz and Ortley apples as soon as arrangements can be made for clearing the uncleared part of the place.

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Portland, Ore., Dec. 22, 1909  
Hood River News,  
Hood River, Ore.  
Dear Sir:—The fruit growers of Rogue River are asking the State Horticultural Society to call a special meeting about January 19th to talk over and discuss a proposed amendment to our horticultural laws to be placed upon initiative at next election. This is a matter that should receive free discussion if placed before the voters on initiative and we would like to have you give due publicity to it in Hood River valley and have your growers advise me whether this date would be convenient, and to try and agree among themselves what amendments if any they would propose. If such a meeting is called I would want to see every district

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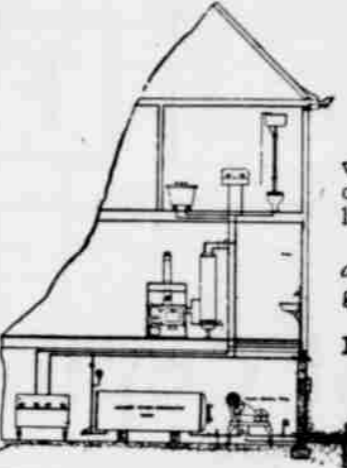
represented. Under our by-laws we must call a special meeting whenever 15 or more members petition in writing to do so. Yours truly,  
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