

IV. THE DISCUSSION.—9, 10. **Tell no man;** a command carefully observed, Luke 9:36. **Till the Son of man were risen.** Only then would they understand the true glory of Jesus. **Kept** (seized, laid hold of) **that saying;** about the resurrection. **Questioning . . . what the rising from the dead should mean.** They believed in the resurrection, but their difficulty was to understand why the Messiah should die.

11-13. That Elias must first come; a question suggested by the appearance of Elijah. (Compare Mal. 3:1; 4:5, 6.) **How it is written of the Son of man.** See Isa. ch. 53. **Elias is indeed come;** in the person of John the Baptist, Matt. 17:3; 11:10. **Listed;** lusted, desired.

DAILY READINGS

M.—Jesus transfigured, Mark 9:2-13. **T.**—A voice from heaven, John 12:23-33. **W.**—Testimony at baptism, Luke 3:15-22. **Th.**—Peter's testimony, 2 Pet. 1:12-21. **F.**—Transfigured in prayer, Luke 9:28-36. **S.**—Glory of Christ, Heb. 1. **S.**—The greater glory, Rev. 1:9-13.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 90:358; 32 (Ps. Sel.); 50:96 (from Primary Quarterly); 91.

Shorter Catechism—**Ques. 18.** *Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate wherinto man fell?* A. The sinfulness of that estate wherinto man fell consists in: the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of the whole nature, which is commonly called Original Sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

Prove from Scripture—*That Jesus foretold His resurrection.*

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—How long after the last lesson, was the transfiguration? About what had Jesus been speaking?

2, 3 Which disciples did Jesus take with Him? On what other occasion did these same disciples accompany Him? What change took place in Jesus' appearance?

4-6 What visitors talked with Jesus? What were they like? What did Peter propose? Why did he propose this?

7-10 Whom did the cloud overshadow? What was its appearance? What words did they hear? What command did they receive?

11-13 To what prophecy did the disciples refer? How was it fulfilled? Which prophet foretold the sufferings of the Saviour?

Seniors and the Home Department—On what mountain did the transfiguration occur? What was it intended to show?

2, 3 For what purpose did Jesus ascend the mountain? Mention instances of His spending the night in prayer? (Matt. 14:25; Luke 6:12). How does Matthew describe the change in Jesus' garments? Mark? Luke?

4-8 How had Moses gone from the world? Elijah? What did their appearance now show? Where does Peter refer to the transfiguration? (2 Pet. 1:17.)

9-13 Why were the disciples commanded to be silent about the transfiguration? About what were they perplexed? How does Jesus meet their difficulty? Mention other references of Jesus to His sufferings. (Luke 9:22; 24:46.)

Seek-Further Questions—Describe the death and burial of Moses. Who was the successor of Elijah? What did he receive from that prophet?

Topics for Brief Papers (To be ready on the day of the Lesson)—1. Gospel mountains and what happened on them. 2. "Hear Him," v. 7.

THE LESSON IN LIFE

1. "When in the desert, He was girding Himself for the work of life, angels of life came and ministered unto Him; now in the fair world, when He is girding Himself for the work of death, the ministrants come to Him from the grave—but from the grave conquered."

2. There is something in pure, kindly thoughts and purposes, which gives beauty to the human face. Dante says of Beatrice, as he saw her in Paradise, that

"She smiled so joyously
That God seemed in her countenance to rejoice."

3. How complete is God's forgiveness! The sin of Moses was punished by His exclusion from the promised land. But now he is honored by being made a messenger from heaven to the world's Redeemer.

4. What a temptation there must have been to Jesus—for He was man as well as God—to return to heaven with Moses and Elijah by a safe and pleasant path, instead of by the way of the awful cross! Should not praise fill our hearts, because, for our sakes, He set aside this temptation?

5. "God does not make the mountain tops to be inhabited; they are not for the homes of men. We ascend the height to catch a broader view of our earthly surroundings, but we do not tarry there."—Henry Drummond.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What is the significance of Moses and Elias appearing with Jesus at this time ?

2. Shew from the lesson that Jesus is divine.

3. That His authority over us is supreme.