

13. What did Christ mean in saying *the damsel is not dead*?

14. How many *did* witness this resurrection?

15. Why did Jesus enjoin *secrecy*?

16. Why, then, on other occasions, did he command *publicity*?

Blackboard Exercises.

Before the school assemblies have written on the board these words: *The Voice of Jesus*. Commence the lesson by asking how, and in whose name, we come to the Father? (Write *Prayer*.) Why do we write the word *prayer*? Because *he hears* prayer. What did Jesus say in answer to the prayer of the ruler? *Be not afraid, only believe*. Does the voice of Jesus give the same comfort now. (Write *Comfort*.) Tell the school that our trials bring us a heavenly Comforter, and then by questions and readings from the Scriptures impress upon their minds the life-giving power of Jesus, and that he is able to awaken us from spiritual death? Write upon the board some of the blessings that the voice of Jesus can confer upon us, and close by stating the all-important truth—that there is no salvation without faith in Christ. *Have you heard the voice of Jesus giving life to you?*

The Primary Class.

What a wonderful being was Jesus! He had power over the waves, over the devils, over diseases, and in this lesson it is seen that he had power over death. The synagogue was the place where God's law was read and explained. Praise and prayer were also offered there. The "ruler" was the officer who had charge of these services. How his heart must have been saddened at the sickness of his little daughter. He believed that Jesus could save her from death. How, then, must he have felt when a messenger came to him to tell him that she was already dead. O if he had only come for Jesus a little sooner! But Jesus knew what he could do. He said to him, "Be not afraid, only believe," and the man did believe. Three disciples went with Jesus to the house. Who were they? The people were mourning with great noise. They laughed when Jesus told them the child was not dead, but only sleeping. He meant by this that he could bring her to life as easily as a sleeping person could be awakened. Then, when he had sent every body out but the three disciples and the father and mother he spoke to the little girl, and she arose and walked. Thus Jesus had power over death. How kind and loving he was to give the child back again to its parents. And thus he will raise the dead to

life in the great resurrection day. If we love him and are faithful, though death may separate us for a time, Jesus will unite us all again.

Miscellaneous.

Freeman: Ruler of synagogue, 834; Mourning for the dead, 541. *Foster*: 91, 1345, 1338, 5038. *Prayer-Meeting Topic*: "Only believe." *Texts*: Psa. l. 15; Mark ix. 23; John xi. 40; 1 Thess. v. 10.

REVIEW READING FOR THE MONTH.

Going through the — on the — the disciples of — plucked the — of —. The — said unto him, Why do they on the — that which is not —? Jesus said, The — was made for —, and not — for the —. In the — on the Sabbath was a — who had a —. Jesus said to him, —. He also said, — forth thine —. And his — was restored — as the other. On the — of — a great storm arose. Jesus was — in the — part of the vessel. He arose and — the —, and the wind —, and there was a great —. In the country of the — was a man with an —. Jesus cast the — out of him and sent them into a — of —. A sick woman followed him and touched his —. Jesus said to her, Daughter, thy — hath made thee —. There was a — of the synagogue whose name was —. His little — lay at the — of —. He prayed — to come and — her. When Jesus came to the house the child was —. He took her by the —, and said, Damsel, —. And she —, and —.

TOPICS and GOLDEN TEXTS.—*Sabbath*: SIGN; *Wind*, *Sea*: STORM, CALM; *Satan*: PURPOSE, DEVIL; *Power*: TOUCHED; *Voice*: DEAD, HEAR.

Lessons for September.

SEPT. 6. Martyrdom of the Baptist. Mark vi. 20-29.

SEPT. 13. The Five Thousand Fed. Mark vi. 34-44.

SEPT. 20. The Syrophenician Mother. Mark vii. 24-30.

SEPT. 27. Review of Third Quarter.