

Lesson XI. THE RISEN CHRIST BY THE SEA OF GALILEE June 14, 1908

John 21 : 12-23. Commit to memory v. 15. Study John 21 : 1-25.

GOLDEN TEXT—Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.—Matthew 28 : 20.

12 Je'sus saith unto them, Come and ¹dine. And none of the disciples durst ²ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

13 Je'sus ³then cometh, and taketh ⁴bread, and giveth them, and ⁵fish likewise.

14 This is now the third time that Je'sus ⁶shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

15 So when they had ⁷dined, Je'sus saith to Si'mon Pe'ter, Si'mon, son of ⁸Jo'nas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

16 He saith to him again ⁹the second time, Si'mon, son of ¹⁰Jo'nas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

17 He saith unto him the third time, Si'mon, son of ¹¹Jo'nas, lovest thou me? Pe'ter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Je'sus

Revised Version—¹break your fast; ²inquire of; ³broken then; ⁴John; ⁵a; ⁶Tend; ⁷Now thus he spake; ⁸manner of death; ⁹back; ¹⁰who; ¹¹therefore; ¹²This saying therefore went forth among; ¹³that he should not.

saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

18 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldst; but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldst not.

19 ¹⁰This spake he, signifying by what ¹¹death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

20 ³Then Pe'ter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Je'sus loved following; which also leaned ¹²on his breast at ⁴supper, and said, Lord, ¹³which is he that betrayeth thee?

21 Pe'ter ¹⁴seeing him saith to Je'sus, Lord, and what shall this man do?

22 Je'sus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.

23 ¹⁵Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die; yet Je'sus said not unto him, ¹⁶He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 51-60.

The Question on Missions—11. What special gifts have greatly helped our mission in Labrador? The most valuable special gifts to the mission have been a sailboat for the use of the missionary, from United Church, New Glasgow, and a contribution of several hundred dollars from a gentleman in Philadelphia, for the new church completed last summer.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 116 (Supplemental Lesson); 494; 499; 44 (Ps. Sel.); 498 (from PRIMAVERAL CHANTRELL); 493.

Special Scripture Reading—Luke 5: 1-11. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

LESSON PLAN

- I. Need Supplied, 12-14.
- II. Love Tested, 15-17.
- III. Obedience Required, 18-23.

DAILY READINGS

(By courtesy of I. B. R. Association)

M.—The risen Christ by the Sea of Galilee, John 21 : 1-14. T.—The risen Christ by the Sea of Galilee, John 21 : 15-25. W.—The overflowing net, Luke 5 : 1-11. Th.—Peter warned, Luke 22 : 24-34. F.—Peter's denial, Luke 22 : 54-62. S.—Forgiveness, Ps. 85. S.—Peter's boldness, Acts 4 : 13-22.

EXPOSITION

Time and Place—Some time during the forty days between our Lord's resurrection and His ascension (see Acts 1 : 3); the shore of the Lake of Galilee.

Connecting Links—Chapter 21 comes in as a sort of appendix to the Gospel, which, as we have seen (see on ch. 20: 30, 31, last Lesson), was originally intended to close with ch. 20.

After an interval, as to the length of which we have no information, Jesus again revealed Himself to a group of His disciples at the Lake of Galilee. Some of these, including Simon Peter and the sons of Zebedee, had gone out to fish. After a night of unsuccessful toil, they were returning homeward, when Jesus appeared to them on the shore of the Lake. When He found that they had caught nothing, He gave them directions, and immediately they took an enormous haul. Only then did they recognize that it was the Lord; and Peter at once cast himself into the water and made for shore. Jesus had already been

making preparations for them, and, when their catch had been counted and some of the fish brought up to be cooked, everything was ready. (See vs. 1-11.)

I. Need Supplied, 12-14.

V. 12. *Jesus saith . . . Come and dine*; better, "have breakfast". The meal was in the early morning. . . His one thought was gracious consideration for their wants. *None . . . durst ask . . . knowing that it was the Lord*; a remarkable statement, suggesting the new kind of relationship which existed between the risen Lord and His disciples. Their first impulse was to ask Him questions, for they could see a mysterious difference in Him, and yet they did not venture upon this, for they were certain that it was their Lord.

Vs. 13, 14. *Jesus . . . cometh . . . taketh bread . . . fish likewise*. Apparently, up to this point, in reverence, they had kept at a little distance from Him. He now comes to them as their Host, and with His own hands supplies their needs. Perhaps He wished to impress upon