

Lesson X.

JESUS APPEARS TO THE APOSTLES

June 7, 1908

John 20 : 19-31. *Commit to memory vs. 19, 20.

GOLDEN TEXT—Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.—John 20 : 28.

19 ¹ Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, ² when the doors were shut where the disciples were ³ assembled for fear of the Jews, ⁴ came Je'sus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20 And when he had ⁵ so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. ⁶ Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

21 ⁷ Then said Je'sus to them again, Peace be unto you : as ⁸ my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost :

23 Whose soever sins ye ⁹ remit, they are ¹⁰ remitted unto them ; ¹¹ and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

24 But Thom'as, one of the twelve, called Did'y-mus, was not with them when Je'sus came.

25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands, the print of the nails,

Revised Version—1 When therefore it was evening, on that day ; ² and when : ³ *Omit* assembled ; ⁴ Je'sus came ; ⁵ said this ; ⁶ The disciple therefore were ; ⁷ Je'sus therefore said ; ⁸ the ; ⁹ forgive ; ¹⁰ forgiven ; ¹¹ *Omit* and ; ¹² put ; ¹³ Je'sus cometh ; ¹⁴ see ; ¹⁵ *Omit* Thomas ; ¹⁶ therefore did Je'sus ; ¹⁷ may ; ¹⁸ in.

and put my finger into the print of the nails, and ¹² thrust my hand into his side, I ~~will~~ not believe.

26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thom'as with them : ¹³ *then* came Je'sus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

27 Then saith he to Thom'as, Reach hither thy finger, and ¹⁴ behold my hands ; and reach hither they hand, and ¹⁵ thrust it into my side : and be not faithless, but believing.

28 ¹¹ And Thom'as answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

29 Je'sus saith unto him, ¹⁵ Thom'as, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed : blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

30 ¹¹ And many other signs ¹⁶ truly did Je'sus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book :

31 But these are written, that ye ¹⁷ might believe that Je'sus is the Christ, the Son of God ; and that believing ye ¹⁷ might have life ¹⁸ through his name.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 116 (Supplemental Lesson) ; 224 ; 105 ; 16 (Ps. Sel.) ; 149 (from PRIMAARY QUARTERLY) ; 80.

The Question on Missions—10. Name some of those who have been missionaries in Labrador. The work begun by McKenzie of Korea was carried forward by many of our best men, among them the following who have also labored in the Foreign Mission field :—Rev. S. A. Fraser of Trinidad, Rev. D. G. Cock of Central India, and Mr. John Grierson, father of Rev. Dr. Grierson of Korea.

Special Scripture Reading—John 15 : 1-14. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.) It is expected that each scholar will have his or her Bible, and so be prepared to take part in this reading, which may form part of the opening exercises of the School.

LESSON PLAN

I. Joy, 19-23.

II. Doubt, 24-25.

III. Worship, 26-31.

DAILY READINGS

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

M.—Je'sus appears to the apostles, John 20 : 19-31. T.—The walk to Emmaus, Luke 24 : 13-24. W.—The Stranger Guest, Luke 24 : 25-35. Th.—The pierced hands, Luke 24 : 36-48. F.—Christ's last words, Acts 1 : 1-9. S.—Paul's address at Antioch, Acts 13 : 16-33. S.—Life by believing, Rom. 30 : 1-13.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 39-50.

EXPOSITION

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Time and Place—Sunday, April 9, A.D. 30 ; a house in Jerusalem.

Connecting Links—Mary Magda'ene had told the disciples of her wonderful experience. Apparently, before this, the risen Lord had also revealed Himself to the women of Matt. 28 : 8-10, to Peter (Luke 24 : 34), and to two of His followers who were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus, Luke 24 : 13-15.

I. Joy, 19-23.

Vs. 19, 20. *The same day at evening* : the evening of that never-to-be-forgotten day of our Lord's resurrection, which gave its foundation to the Christian hope. *Doors . . . shut . . . fear of the Jews.* The disciples already felt that they were marked men. Association with Je'sus had made them objects of suspicion to the Jewish authorities. But they had recovered from their panic, and were gathered

together again, perhaps in the house in which they had met for the Last Supper. The doors were shut to prevent enemies surprising them. Probably the evangelist mentions the fact, to show that Je'sus in His transformed state was not governed by the ordinary conditions of the body. He now possessed a spiritual body, as Paul calls it, 1 Cor. 15 : 44. *Came Je'sus . . . Peace be unto you.* Je'sus appeared suddenly. Then, to calm their startled bewilderment, He speaks the gracious word of peace. *Shewed . . . his hands and his side.* His glorified body revealed those marks by which He could be unmistakably recognized. *Disciples glad* ; a joy that was never to leave them again, but was to be the key-note of all their missionary labors.

Vs. 21-23. *Again, Peace.* The first "peace" was the restoration of personal confidence,

*The Scripture Memory Passages of the Supplemental Leaflets are recommended as a substitute for those here given Sabbath by Sabbath. Their recitation leads to the securing of a beautiful Certificate or Diploma.