

We hoped (Rev. Ver.), etc., but the death of Jesus had shattered their confidence that He was the Messiah. The third day ; so that there was no doubt as to His being dead. **Certain women.** See v. 10. **Found not his body** ; though it had been laid in Joseph's tomb, ch. 23 : 50-56. **Angels . . said . . he was alive.** See vs. 4-7. But the women's story seemed to the apostles and the other disciples "as idle tales," v. 11. **Certain of them . . with us ; Peter** (v. 12) and John (see John 20 : 2-10).

II. THE WONDERFUL TEACHER.—25-27. **O foolish men** (Rev. Ver.). Jesus spoke not with sternness but gentleness. **Slow of heart ; dull of understanding.** To believe in all, etc. (Rev. Ver.). Like most Jews, these men remembered the glory promised to the Messiah, but overlooked the predictions of His sufferings. **Behoved it not the Christ to suffer . . ?** (Rev. Ver.). See Gen. 3 : 15 ; also such types as the Passover lamb (Ex. 12 : 46), the brazen serpent (Num. 21 : 9) ; Isa., ch. 53, etc.

III. THE RISEN SAVIOUR.—28-35. The two disciples, with Jesus, reach their lodging place at Emmaus. Jesus began to move on, but the disciples urged Him to stay with them. As they seated themselves at the evening meal, our Lord took the place of host, and, as He broke bread to give to them, suddenly they knew Him, but suddenly He disappeared. Quickly the two returned to Jerusalem, to find that after their departure Jesus had appeared to Peter. Then the two returned travelers told their wonderful story.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON

It is not known precisely where EMMAUS (see Cover Map) was situated, but to the northwest from Jerusalem lies the little modern village of 'Amwas, the name of which closely resembles that of the place to which Jesus walked with His two disciples on the first Easter Day. The village consists of little flat-roofed stone houses, set quite close together on the side of a broad, low hill. The trees of two small olive orchards rise to the north side of the village, and behind these the top of a low hill shows bare and brown.

LESSON QUESTIONS

13-15 Whither were two disciples going ? On what day ? How far was Emmaus from Jerusalem ? About what were the two disciples conversing ? What caused them deep perplexity ? Who drew near to them ?

16-18 Why did the disciples not recognize Jesus ? What question did He ask of them ? How did the disciples explain their companion's seeming ignorance ? Find a prayer in the Psalms for the opening of the eyes. (Ps. 119 : 18.)

19-24 What did Cleopas call Jesus ? What had been the disciples' hope ? How was this shattered ? Who had first visited the tomb of Jesus ? What tidings had they brought ? What two apostles then visited the tomb ? What did they report ?

25-27 What did Jesus call the two disciples ? Why ? Where did He find proofs that the Messiah was to suffer ?

28-35 How was Jesus made known to the disciples ? Whither did they return ? What did they hear ? What did they tell ?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Were Jesus' disciples blameworthy for their despondency after His death ?
2. Can we converse with Jesus now ?

A PRAYER

Lord God, we want to live. Deliver us, we pray Thee, from the death of sin. May we not be slaves to passion and greed and all that is unlovely. Make us like Thyself. As Thou didst conquer sin and death, so may we, by Thy grace given to us, turn from all that displeases Thee. Teach us to think of the risen life as something to be enjoyed here and now. Abide with us, and may we abide with Thee, that this ideal may become real and Thy name be glorified. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That the prophets pointed to Christ.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 89. *How is the word made effectual to salvation ?* A. The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

The Question on Missions—2. What is the population of North Honan ? It contains about eight millions of people, nine tenths of whom are uneducated. The majority are farmers, living in villages. The soil produces wheat, millet, cotton, beans and other grains, besides vegetables and fruits of many kinds.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise : Ps. Sel. 68 (Supplemental Lesson), 58, 61, 8 (Ps. Sel.), 61 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 59.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Why were the two disciples sad ?

2. What did Jesus teach them ?

3. How came they to recognize Jesus ?

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