

LESSON XI.

CHRIST RISEN

June 11, 1899

John 20: 11-20. Commit to memory vs. 11-14. Compare Matt. 28: 1-8; Mark 16: 1-8; Luke 24: 1-12.

11. But Mary (1) stood without at the sepulchre weeping; (2) and as she wept, she stooped down and looked into the (3) sepulchre.

12. And (4) loeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

13. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

14. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and (5) saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

15. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

16. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She (6) turned

herself, and saith unto him, (7) Rabboni; which is to say, (8) Master.

17. Jesus saith unto her, (9) Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my (10) Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

18. Mary Magdalen (11) came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had (12) spoken these things unto her.

19. (13) Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were (14) assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20. And when he had (15) so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. (16) Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

Revised Version.—(1) Was standing without at the tomb; (2) So; (3) Tomb; (4) Beholdeth; (5) Beholdeth; (6) Turneth himself; (7) In Hebrew, Rabboni; (8) Margin, Or, Teacher; (9) Margin, Or, Take not hold on me; (10) Unto the Father; (11) Cometh and telleth; . . . I have seen; (12) Said; (13) When therefore it was evening on that day; (14) Omits assembled; (15) Said this; (16) Therefore.

GOLDEN TEXT

"Now is Christ risen from the dead."—1 Cor. 15: 20.

DAILY READINGS

M.—Matt. 27: 57-66. The sealed tomb.

T.—Luke 24: 1-11. "Too good to be true!"

W.—John 20: 1-10. The empty tomb.

T.—John 20: 11-20. Christ risen.

F.—John 20: 24-31. Doubt dispelled.

S.—Acts 2: 22-32. Many witnesses.

—1 Cor. 15: 1-11. Proof of the resurrection.

LESSON PLAN

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I. He appears to Mary. 11, 18.

On the morning of the third day, as she stood weeping at the sepulchre. He sends her to tell the news to his disciples.

II. He appears to the Ten. 19, 20.

The same day at evening, as they were met together and the doors shut. "Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord."

TIME

April 9, the "first day of the week" (Sunday). Early morning and again at evening.

PLACE

The sepulchre where Jesus had lain and then a room in the city where the disciples were assembled.

CATECHISM

Review Questions 53-56.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 16 (Pa.), 67, 589, 68, 650.

CONNECTION

Jesus was taken from the cross and laid in a new tomb in a garden near the place of crucifixion. Upon the morning of the third day He rose from the dead; and our lesson tells us how He appeared to Mary Magdalene and to the Ten.

EXPLANATION

11. But Mary stood without, "Was standing without." (Rev. Ver.). (Read vs. 1-10.) After the two disciples had gone away (v. 10) she still lingered. **Stooped down.** The top of the entrance to the sepulchre cut in the side of the rock would be quite low.

12. Angels in white. White was a symbol of their purity. **Sitting,** in the attitude of keeping watch over the body of Jesus. Guards without; but angels within.

13. Why weepest thou? The angels were sympathetic; but only Jesus could dry her tears. **They have taken away.** That was the burden of her plaint. She did not even have the poor comfort of embalming her Lord's body (Mark 16: 1).

14. Knew not . . . Jesus. Why? (1) She was not expecting Him. (2) In her grief

she may not have clearly observed His features (3) The risen body of Jesus was evidently changed somewhat (Luke 24: 16).

15. Woman, Why weepest thou? How tender and sympathetic! **The gardener;** the only one likely to be there at that early hour. **I will take him away;** there is no task too great for love to attempt.

16. Mary! The personal address revealing knowledge and sympathy awakens her recognition. **Rabboni.** Her joy is too deep for many words. She can only exclaim "My Master!"

17, 18. Touch me not; the old earthly relations had changed. **For . . . ascended;** the new relations must be spiritual; and could be fully established only after His ascension. **My brethren.** This is the first