

**Baby's Gone to Jesus.**

Baby's gone to Jesus,  
Brief and few her days  
Tarried she to please us  
With her winsome ways;  
Miss we now the smiling  
And the tender grace,  
All our hearts beguiling,  
Miss the rosy face;

Miss the dimpled fingers,  
Miss the bright blue eyes,  
Whose glad love-light fingers:  
Yet we hush our cries,  
Lest our lips should blame him  
For this bitter cross,  
Lest we harshly name him  
In this pain and loss.

Christ is always tender:  
All his gifts are wise!  
He, in love, did lend her  
From the jewelled skies,  
To boget within us  
Holiness of heart;  
By this gift to win us  
To life's "better part."

But he smiled, and to him  
Baby spread her hands;  
When she saw, she knew him:  
Human bonds nor bands  
Could not then detain her  
From his loving breast;  
Nothing could restrain her,  
For she loved him best.

So, in sweet submission  
To his holy will,  
Wait we the fruition  
Which will follow still  
With its balm and healing  
Till our song shall swell:  
"Christ, in love's revealing,  
Doeth all things well."

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**LESSON NOTES.****FIRST QUARTER.****STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.**A.D. 30.] **LESSON XI.** [March 11.**CHRIST ENTERING JERUSALEM.***Matt. 21. 1-16. Commit to mem. vs 9-11.***GOLDEN TEXT.**Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord.—*Psa. 118. 20.***OUTLINE.**

1. The Son of David.
2. The Temple of God.

TIME.—30 A. D.

PLACE.—Jerusalem and Bethany.

**EXPLANATIONS.** *Into the village over against you*—The village just out of our route, Bethphage. *Spoken by the prophet*—This prophecy is in *Zech. 9. 9*, read it. *Daughter of Zion*—Jerusalem, or the people of Jerusalem; a poetic expression for all the Jews. *Hosanna*—A Hebrew word or phrase which means, "give thy salvation." *Blessed is he that cometh*—This phrase, from *Psa. 118. 25*, was the usual form of welcome to the pilgrims to the passover on their entrance to Jerusalem. *Them that sold and bought*—In the court of the Gentiles was the temple market where things needed for the service were sold, such as incense, oil, wine, doves, etc. *The wonderful things*—Rather, things that filled them with wonder that he should dare to do as he had.

**TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.**

Where, in this lesson, are we taught—  
1. That God's word is sure of fulfilment?  
2. That God's Son is worthy of honour?  
3. That we should always reverence God's house?

**THE LESSON CATECHISM.**

1. At whose home in Bethany did Jesus spend his last Sabbath? In that of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. 2. What good example did two disciples set for us as they went on toward Jerusalem? They did as Jesus commanded. 3. What did the multitudes cry as they entered the city? "Hosanna to the Son of David." 4. What

was the effect (upon his enemies) of the honour shown to Jesus? "They were sore displeased." 5. What ought to be the language of our hearts as Christ draws near to us to day? "Blessed be he that cometh," etc.

**DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—The coming of Christ.

**CATECHISM QUESTIONS.**

13. How does our Lord teach us his religion? By his word and by his Spirit.  
14. What is his word? The Scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments, which are the Sacred books of the Christian Faith.

A.D. 30.] **LESSON XII.** [March 18.**THE SON REJECTED.***Matt. 21. 33-46. Commit to mem. vs 42-44.***GOLDEN TEXT.**He came unto his own, and his own received him not. *John 1. 11.***OUTLINE.**

1. The Rejected Heir.
2. The Rejected People.

TIME.—30 A. D.

PLACE.—Jerusalem.

**EXPLANATIONS.**—*Hedge it*—That is, he inclosed it for security. *Dugged a wine press*—Dugged a trough, or cut a trough in the rock after the custom of the times. *A tower*—A watch-tower for the watchmen who kept off thieves. *Let it out*—Either for a money payment or for part of the fruits; probably the latter. *The time of the fruit*—The time for gathering. *The head of the corner*—Or simply "corner-stone;" the importance attaching to a corner-stone is very old. *Shall be given to a nation*—That is, "the spiritual Israel of the New Testament." *Shall fall on a stone*—One who stumbles at the doctrine of Christ as the Saviour shall be bruised. One against whom Christ comes in judgment will be destroyed.

**TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.**

Where, in this lesson, are we taught—  
1. A lesson of responsibility for God's favours?  
2. A lesson of reverence for his Son?  
3. A lesson of fear for his judgments?

**THE LESSON CATECHISM.**

1. To whom is our heavenly Father likened in this parable? To a householder. 2. Who are the husbandmen to whom he let his vineyard? The nation of Israel. 3. How did they treat his messengers? They beat, and slew, and stoned them. 4. How did they treat the son? They caught him and cast him out. 5. How does St. John in his Gospel record what here Jesus prophesied? "He came unto his own," etc.

**DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—Salvation for the Gentiles.

**CATECHISM QUESTION.**

15. How does the Old Testament teach Christianity? The Scriptures of the Old Testament were written by many holy men, who prophesied that the Christ was coming, and foretold also what he would suffer and do and teach.

1 Peter i. 10, 11.

**THE FOOL'S FRIENDS.**

In the depth of the forest there lived two foxes. One of them said one day in the politest fox language: "Let's quarrel." "Very well," said the other, "but how shall we set about it?" They tried all sorts of ways, but it could not be done, because each one would give way. At last one fetched two stones. "There," said he, "you say they're yours, and I'll say they're mine and we will quarrel and fight and scratch. Now, I'll begin. These stones are mine." "Very well," answered the other; you are welcome to them." "But we shall never quarrel at this rate!" cried the other, jumping up and licking his face. "You old simpleton, don't you know it takes two to make a quarrel any day?" So they gave it up as a bad job, and never tried to play at this silly game again.

**COURAGE.**

The difficulties which the inventor sometimes encounters and the indomitable courage required to surmount them, are well brought out in the following:

This inextinguishable courage is what men need. We are told of a young New York inventor who about twenty years ago spent every dollar he was worth in an experiment, which if successful would introduce his invention to public notice and insure his fortune, and, what he valued more, his usefulness. The next morning the daily papers heaped unsparing ridicule upon him. Hope for the future seemed vain. He looked around the shabby room where his wife, a delicate little woman, was preparing breakfast. He was without a penny. He seemed like a fool in his own eyes; all these years of hard work were wasted. He went into his chamber, sat down and buried his face in his hands. At length, with a fiery heat flashing through his body, he stood erect. "I shall succeed!" he said, shutting his teeth. His wife was crying over the papers when he went back. "They are very cruel," she said. "They don't understand." "I'll make them understand," he replied, cheerfully. "It was a fight for six years," he said afterwards. "Poverty, sickness and contempt followed me. I had nothing left but the dogged determination that it should succeed." It did succeed. The invention was a great and useful one. The inventor is now a prosperous and happy man. "Be sure you are right," he says to younger men, "then never give up."

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A MOMENT'S work on clay tells more than an hour's work on brick. So work on the hearts should be done before they harden. Children, do not neglect Christ's salvation till the influence of sinners has become too strong you find it almost impossible to turn.

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