

worldly gratification (1 John 2. 16). **Forfeit.** Will fully lose. **Life.** Not "soul;" the same Greek word here as in verse 2, "himself." The life which is peace with God in Christ. Described, Rom. 5. 1-11; 8. 31-39.

**37. For.** Third reason, as above. **What.** What carnal or worldly enjoyment or advantage.

**38. For.** Sustains "forfeit" and "exchange." The forfeiture is a reality. **Ashamed of me.** Ashamed to publicly announce his belief in a Messiah who is rejected by the ruling class and put to death. **My words.** My Gospel (ver. 35). **Adulterous.** An Old Testament image, strongly depicting faithlessness toward God. **Wicked generation.** The disciple cures more for the approval of an evil world than for the divine approval. **Son of man.** He who, though human, is more than human. **Ashamed.** To own him (Matt. 7. 21-23). **Cometh.** At the end of the world (Matt. 24. 3; 1 Cor. 15. 23). **Glorify.** (John 17. 5.) The Father and holy angels are intentionally contrasted to "this generation."

**1. Verily.** The usual sign of a solemn utterance to

follow. **Some.** Not all. **Kingdom of God come.** Not "it will come," "Not coming," but "come." In their plainest application the words refer to the establishment of a new divine dispensation on earth. The destruction of Jerusalem and the holy temple was the event which most notably marked the end of the old dispensation.

### III. Application.

1. Christ's solicitude about our belief in him. John 11. 26; 20. 27.
2. If Jesus was not the Christ why did he permit Peter to say he was? Why did he receive the homage of Thomas? John 20. 28.
3. The prominence of the atonement in the New Testament.
4. The necessity for growth in spiritual knowledge.
5. Christ's practical question. vers. 36, 37.
6. A whole heart for Jesus or none. Rom. 8. 9.
7. Though love repine and reason chafe, There comes a voice without reply, 'Tis man's perdition to be safe When for the truth he ought to die."

### HOME READINGS.

- M.* Jesus the Messiah. Mark 8. 27-33.  
*Tu.* Jesus the Messiah. Mark 8. 34 to 9. 1.  
*W.* The Messiah announced. John 1. 29-41.  
*Th.* The Messiah revealed. John 4. 19-26.  
*F.* Blessing to Peter. Matt. 16. 13-20.  
*S.* Sent from God. 1 John 4. 9-16.  
*S.* The Son of God. 1 John 5. 1-13.

### GOLDEN TEXT.

Whoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. Mark 8. 34.

### LESSON HYMNS.

No. 9, Dominion Hymnal.

O thou God of my salvation,  
 My Redeemer from all sin.

No. 103, Dominion Hymnal.

Yield not to temptation,  
 For yielding is sin.

No. 106, Dominion Hymnal.

Must Jesus bear the cross alone,  
 And all the world go free?

TIME.—29 A. D.

PLACE.—Country near Caesarea Philippi.

RULERS.—Same as before.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The crucified Christ.

### QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

#### 1. The Christ.

What confession did Jesus elicit from his disciples? Why did he put them to this test? Did he not know what men thought? What notable person had said that Jesus was John the Baptist? Why did Jesus enjoin silence on the disciples? Does the question show that the disciples mingled more familiarly with the people than Jesus did?

#### 2. The Cross.

What singular teaching followed closely upon this question? What did the disciples confidently expect the Christ would do? Why should Peter rebuke such a declaration? What other instance of surprise at the idea of a crucified Christ is given in the gospels? John 12. 32-34. What did Jesus mean by calling Peter Satan? What does Paul say of the doctrine of a crucified Christ? 1 Cor. 1. 18.

#### 3. The Kingdom.

Although Jesus had said he was to be crucified, what did he still announce? ver. 38 and chap. 9. 1. What in ver. 31 shows how this could be? Who does he declare were to be members of his kingdom? What is the law of discipleship or membership in this kingdom? ver. 34. Was the prophecy of ver. 1, chap. 9, fulfilled? See first chapter of Acts.

How did the kingdom of God come with power? Matt. 28. 1-8.

What promise has been made to the faithful follower? Matt. 19. 28.

### Practical Teachings.

How many things men say of Christ. One says, "A good man;" another: "Let us imitate him;" another: "He was a fearless reformer; another: "He was the flower of the ages;" All those deny him. He alone confesses who says, "My Lord and my God." What do you say?

A life that spends itself on itself is always lost.

Solve this problem of Christ if you can:

Man; the world; the soul.

Man & the world — his soul = (?)

See this picture: A soul in the world with its face turned away from Christ; a lament.

See this other: The Christ in judgment with his face turned away from the soul.

Is that soul yours?

### Hints for Home Study.

1. Get such a knowledge of the facts of this lesson that it keeps itself constantly in your mind.
2. Trace on a good map the journey of Jesus through the region about Caesarea Philippi.
3. Read carefully all the incidents between the last lesson and this one, so as to have all the connection.
4. Learn all you can of what the people expected of the Messiah who was to come. This may explain Peter's action.
5. Find all the references that contain the same thought that is given in ver. 38. For example, see Matt. 25. 31; Acts 1. 11; 3. 21; 17. 31; 1 Thess. 4. 16, and others.

### QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

#### 1. The Christ, vs. 27-30

Where did Jesus go with his disciples?

What question did he ask?

How was his question answered?

What did he then ask the disciples?

Does Jesus ask the same question of us?

What was Peter's answer to this question?

How is this answer given in Matt. 16. 16?

Can you give the same answer?

#### 2. The Cross, vs. 31-37

What did Jesus tell his disciples should take place?

How did Peter receive these words?

Who suggested this rebuke to Peter's mind?

How did Jesus answer it?

What did Jesus say that his followers must do? (Golden Text.)

How may one save his life, yet lose it?

How may one lose his life, yet save it?

How do many lose their souls for the gains of the world?

#### 3. The Kingdom, vs. 38; 9. 1.

When will Jesus come in his kingdom?

Of whom will he then be ashamed?

Whom will he then own as his people? Matt. 10. 32.

What did Jesus declare concerning his kingdom?

### Teachings of the Lesson.

How are we here shown—

1. That our Saviour needed to suffer for us?