

Redeemer's sufferings. He was a lonely sufferer. They made his grave with the wicked (Rev. Ver.); the robbers crucified with Him. The authorities appointed His grave with these. With the rich; in the tomb of Joseph, at whose request the order was changed, John 19:38.

IV. THE SAVIOUR TRIUMPHANT.—10-12. It pleased the Lord; "God so willed it." He has joy in the results of the Saviour's sufferings, which could be reached in no other way. When his soul (that is, He Himself) shall make an offering for sin (Rev. Ver., Margin); bear the guilt and penalty of our sin. He shall see his seed; those who have received life from Him, John 10:10. V. 11 describes the Saviour as satisfied with the outcome of the travail (suffering) of his soul, and in v. 12 He appears as a glorious Conqueror.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—The suffering Saviour, Isa. 52:13 to 53:12. T.—Acquainted with grief, Heb. 4:15 to 5:9. W.—For the unjust, 1 Pet. 3:12-18. Th.—A prophecy of Christ, Acts 8:26-35. F.—The silent Sufferer, Mark 14:55-65. S.—The rich man's tomb, Matt. 27:54-60. S.—The victory, Heb. 10:1-13.

Prove from Scripture—That our sins caused Christ's death.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ? A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

The Question on Missions—27. What were the people of the New Hebrides like before the missionaries came? They were cannibals, with no knowledge of the true God. Human sacrifices were offered to their gods, infants were slain and widows strangled, and there was constant war amongst the various tribes.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, Ps. Sel. 97 (Supplemental Lesson); 134; 46; 38 (Ps. Sel.); 537 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 126.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—From whose writings is the Lesson taken? To whom does it point?

Ch. 52:13-15 What is the Messiah here called? Where did Christ die? Where is He now? What in Him made men wonder? What is it said that kings will do? Of what is this a sign?

Ch. 53:1-3 Who would not receive Christ? What is "the arm of the Lord"? What did people think Christ resembled? Their feelings toward Him

4-9 How did the Saviour treat suffering ones? For whose sin did He die? In what respect are we said to be like sheep? In what respect, Christ?

10-12 Was it any pleasure to God to permit suffering? Why did He permit Christ to suffer? Why will Christ have part with the great? (v. 12.)

Seniors and the Home Department—How long before Christ did Isaiah prophesy?

Ch. 52:13-15 To what did Christ's sufferings lead? (1 Pet. 1:11.) What Psalm most fully describes the sufferings of Christ? (Ps. 22.)

Ch. 53:1-3 Quote a warning against despising small things. (Zech. 4:10.) What parable describes the growth of Christ's kingdom from small beginnings? (Matt. 13:31, 32.)

4-9 Show that Christ died for our sins. (2 Cor. 5:21.) Could Christ have escaped death? (Matt. 26:53.) Why did He not so do?

10-12 Explain "it pleased the Lord." Mention another passage in Isaiah which depicts the Messiah as a Conqueror. (ch. 65:1.)

THE LESSON IN LIFE

1. "We have just heard," says Peloubet, "how a young man in charge of a rescue mission, after clothing a tattered sot, blacked his shoes for him. 'I would black any man's shoes,' said he, 'if I could get a chance to talk with him about Jesus.'"

2. An old soldier was charged with being disloyal to his country. His reply was proudly to hold up the stump of the arm he had lost in battle. The scars in the service of Christ are the best "decorations," because the best proof of faithfulness in the day of battle.

3. "You and I do not think of things like that." This was Archbishop Temple's reply to a young clergyman, who expressed his fear that some work asked of him would overtax his strength. Endure hard things for Christ—why shouldn't we, when He has suffered and done so much for us?

4. It is told of Queen Cleopatra, that she once crushed a handful of pearls into a wine cup and drank them down. For every one of those pearls a diver had risked his life. Ah, the Saviour gave His life to save our souls. Can we think lightly of that salvation so dearly purchased?

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. How is the greatness of the Messiah described?

2. Show that He was to suffer for others.

3. What was to be the reward of His sufferings?