

home and family at Bethany, especially the scene of Luke 10: 39.

Next we have Lazarus sick (ch. 11: 1), the sisters in their distress turning to Jesus, and their message (v. 3). (Note the delicacy of the message. They do not ask Him to come; they feel in their hearts that He will come.)

Explain His delay (vs. 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 15, 26). All the time Jesus knew what was to be (v. 23).

Now He arrives. Dwell on Martha's interview and especially emphasize verses 25, 26.

Next, Mary at Jesus' feet. Mark her grief and hopeless trust. Note also the anguish of Jesus even when on the eve of bringing His friend to life and gladdening the hearts of the sisters; and what strength this friend of the sorrowing brings.

Jesus at the grave side; His inward groaning; the command to take away the stone (showing man's part in the Lord's work), the horror of Martha and the tender rebuke of her Lord.

2. It is a moment of suspense. The grave is wide open, the body in its grave-clothes visible

to all. The man at the grave's mouth seems powerless. What next?

The unexpected. He appeals to the Father above. *Jesus and the Father* (41, 42). Note Christ's self effacement, His utter confidence in the Heavenly Father, and His desire above all things to lead men to that same confidence in the Father and in Himself.

Now the miracle.

3. *Jesus and the dead* (43-45). Explain the reason for the loud voice. Mark what followed, the bringing to life complete and instantaneous. In his grave clothes: this proved that he was really dead. The instantaneousness of the quickening recalls, "You hath He quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins." (Eph. 2: 1.)

The effect of the miracle, belief and unbelief. Show the scholars how, if the revelation that Jesus makes of Himself to us does not lead to belief, it will harden the heart. Impress upon the scholars as a personal concern, vs. 25, 26.

#### TOPICS FOR BRIEF PAPERS

To be assigned the Sabbath previous. Only one topic should be given to each scholar. Sometimes all may be asked to write on the same topic. The papers to be read out in the class.)

1. The Bethany home.
2. Jesus the best friend in sorrow.
3. Christ our life.

#### BLACKBOARD REVIEW

## JESUS AT THE GRAVESIDE

COMFORT to the Sorrowing

LIFE to the Dead

WITNESS to the Father in Heaven