

SABBATH, December 20th.—LESSON XII.—The Risen Lord.—Mark xvi. 9-20.

Leader. 9 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

School. 10 And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.

L. 11 And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.

S. 12 After that he appeared in another form unto two of them as they walked, and went into the country.

L. 13 And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them.

S. 14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

L. 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.

S. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

L. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

S. 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

L. 19 So then, after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

S. 20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

TOPIC—Our Ever-Living Saviour.

Golden Text—I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. Rev. i. 18.

Home Readings.

M. Mark xvi. 9-20.

Tu. Luke xxiv. 13-32.

W. Heb. iii. 7-19.

Th. Rom. x. 9-14.

F. Acts ii. 4-11, 33.

S. 1 Pet. i. 21.

S. 1 Cor. xv. 42-53.

QUESTIONS, ETC.—What is the "Risen Lord" to us? 1 Cor. xv. 17.

What does the TOPIC declare our Risen Lord to be? What power is ascribed to Jesus in the GOLDEN TEXT?

1. *Jesus and Mary.*—To whom did Jesus appear first? What great act of love had Jesus shown Mary? Where was Mary when Jesus appeared to her? John xx. 11.

Who are meant by "those that were with him"? Why did the disciples "mourn and weep"? Did they understand and believe the Master's promise? John xii. 16.

2. *Jesus and the Two.*—Where were the "two" to whom Jesus appeared? Luke xxiv. 16.

Did they know him at once? Luke xxiv. 16. How did Jesus make himself known? Luke xxiv. 30, 31.

What did they do when they knew it was Jesus? v. 13. What should we do when we have found Jesus?

3. *Jesus and the Eleven.*—Where were "the eleven"? Luke xxiv. 33.

What were they doing? Who appeared to them? Why did he rebuke them? What words of comfort did he speak? Luke xxiv. 36. What did Jesus do to convince the doubting disciples? Luke xxiv. 40, 43.

4. *Jesus and his Gospel.*—Where did Jesus send his disciples?

What were they to do? What is the "Gospel"?

[ANS. "Glad tidings;" the story of the cross, and the way of salvation through Christ.]

What is promised to those who "believe" this Gospel?

Do you "believe"?

What sentence is pronounced on unbelievers? Rev. xxi. 8.

What power did Jesus confer on his disciples?

5. *Jesus Received up into Heaven.*—Where did Jesus go with his disciples? Luke xxiv. 50.

What was his last act of love? Luke xxiv. 51.

What wonderful event then occurred? v. 19.

Where is Jesus now?

What is Jesus to those who believe? TOPIC.

Is Jesus our Advocate and High-Priest? 1 John 1; Heb. iv. 14.

Where are we taught from this lesson—

1. The divinity of Jesus Christ?
2. The victory of Jesus over death and the grave?
3. The patience and forbearance of Jesus;
4. That he has committed his Gospel to them which believe?
5. That faith in Jesus is our only salvation?
6. That Jesus is still our living Saviour?

HYMN.—Tune, "Uxbridge."—L. M.

Hail to the Prince of life and peace,
Who holds the keys of death and hell!
The spacious world unseen is his,
And sovereign power becomes him well.

In shame and anguish once he died;
But now he lives for evermore;
Bow down, ye saints, around his seat,
And, all ye angel-bands, adore.

QUESTION AND ANSWER.

16. Does not St. James teach us, that if we break but one of the commandments, we shall fall into condemnation?

St. James teaches us that if we break but one of the commandments, we shall fall into condemnation: for he says that "whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." (James ii. 10.)