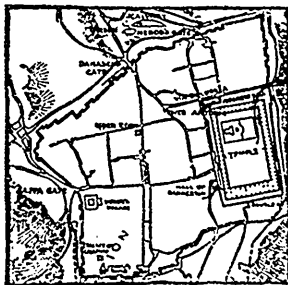


that Jesus had risen from the dead. If Peter also did not believe then, he soon came to do so, Luke 24 : 34 ; 1 Cor. 15 : 5. **Knew not the scripture** ; had not understood that such passages as Ps. 16 : 10 taught that the Messiah was to rise again from the grave. If they had understood, they would not have wondered at the empty tomb.

II. THE RISEN LORD.—11-13. Mary . . at the sepulchre weeping. Her master's grave, like a magnet, had drawn her back. **Stooped and looked** (Rev. Ver.) ; peered into the tomb. **Two angels . . sitting** ; waiting to tell the story of the rising of their Lord. **Why weepest thou ?** Angels have sympathy with human grief, Heb. 1 : 14. **They have taken away my Lord**, etc. An agonized cry from a broken heart.

14-16. Turned herself back ; likely having seen in the angels some signs of Jesus' approach. Saw Jesus . . **knew not** ; did not recognize Jesus, so dimmed her eyes with tears, and he so changed in appearance. **Why weepest thou ?** The sympathy of Jesus is far deeper than even that of the angels, Heb. 4 : 15. **The gardener.** If so, then he was a servant of Joseph of Arimathea, and therefore a friend. **Borne him hence.** She does not name Jesus : to her mind there was no one else to think of. **Take him away.** In her love she does not stop to measure her strength. **Jesus saith . . Mary.** She could not mistake the voice which had bidden the evil spirits come out of her (see again Luke 8 : 2). **Rabboni . . Master.** All the flood of reverence and love in her heart rushed to her lips in this title.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



Just outside the north wall of Jerusalem, and not far from the Damascus Gate, is a rounded knoll of rock covered with shallow soil and grass. Cut out of this rock, a tomb was discovered nearly fifty years ago, which is now believed to be **Joseph's Tomb**, in which the body of Jesus was laid. "There were the doorway and the place where a great stone could be rolled to. There was an opening cut in the rock wall above the place where the body lay, through which one could stoop down and look in."

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What proof did Peter and John find that Jesus had risen ?
2. How did Mary Magdalene at last recognize the risen Jesus ?

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LESSON QUESTIONS

2 On what day and at what time did Mary Magdalene come to Jesus' sepulchre ? At what was she surprised ? Who had been guarding the sepulchre ? What other precaution had been taken ? To whom did Mary go to tell what she had seen ? Show that the apostles were to bear witness specially to Jesus' resurrection. (Acts 4 : 33.)

3-5 Whither did Peter and John hasten ? Which reached the sepulchre first ? Why ? Give the reasons for John's not entering the sepulchre.

6-10 How did Peter show his impulsiveness ? How were the grave-clothes arranged ? What did this show ? Find in one of Peter's Epistles a reference to the resurrection of Jesus. (1 Pet. 1 : 3.)

11-16 Why did Mary not recognize Jesus at first ? How did he make himself known to her ? What did he forbid her to do ? Explain his meaning. On what errand was Mary sent ?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Did the disciples expect Jesus to rise from the dead ?
2. Can we be sure that Jesus rose ?

A PRAYER

We praise, thee, O God, for the resurrection of Christ. We thank thee that we can go to him when all is well and when the clouds gather about us ; when sorrow fills our hearts ; when disappointment overshadows our lives ; when doubts and difficulties beset us ; when friends forsake us and associates misunderstand us ; when we are anxiously watching by the bedside of a loved one or stand beside the open grave ; when we lie upon our bed and wait the coming of the messenger of death, who will be the messenger of life. We thank thee that Christ is ours and that we are his, forever more. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That Jesus lives forever.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 61-71.

The Question on Missions—12. Tell about the work of the nurses. A day's work for each of the three nurses at Ethelbert is described as follows : One is attending to the sick in the hospital and helping in the dispensary. Another is looking after the children who have come to Ethelbert to attend school, since there is no school near their homes. The third has driven 20 miles into the bush to care for the eight children of a woman who has been brought to the hospital.