

TIME.—30 A. D.

PLACE.—On the journey from Perea to Jerusalem.

RULERS.—Same as before.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Redemption.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. The Self-denying Saviour.

What time have we reached in the life of Jesus?
Why did he take the disciples apart and tell them of his coming death?
How many previous announcements had he made of it?

By what power was he to be condemned?
By what power was he to be executed?
Of what were these powers then the representative?
What great principle did he lay down concerning human life?

2. The Self-seeking Disciples.

What evidence that the women who attended Jesus so often were at this time with him?

What was the name of the mother of James and John?

What did this mother and the sons plainly expect was soon to come?

What did this mother mean by this request?
What reason could lead these sons to expect such an honor?

What was the meaning of Christ's answer to the two?

What was the meaning of the answer to the ten?
How is the Roman Catholic dogma of Peter's primacy affected by this whole story?

Practical Teachings.

The last journey. What a wonderful Saviour!

Thoughtful for his own, vers. 17-19.

Attentive to their earthly prayer, ver. 21.

Loving in his rebuke, vers. 22-23.

Full of compassion for their weakness, ver. 25.

A sacrifice for the world, ver. 28.

The last journey. What weak and sinful followers!

Two, selfish in the extreme, ver. 21.

Assembled to make the request alone, ver. 20.

Forgetful of the sadness which was weighing on the Master.

Ten self-righteous and indignant.

How like men of to-day and Jesus! He is the same,

yesterday, to-day, and forever.

Hints for Home Study.

1. Trace the route of Jesus.

2. Learn the position of Jericho in reference to Jerusalem.

3. Find how many times James and John had been specially honored with confidence by Jesus.

4. Find evidence in the lesson that Christ could foresee the future.

5. Write a list of all words that need explanation. See if they are explained in the Explanations given above. If not, take the list to your class, if you cannot find out about them before.

6. Be sure to commit to memory vers. 17-19.

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

1. The Self-denying Saviour.

On what journey was Jesus going?

Who accompanied him?

What did he say to the disciples about his betrayal?

What about his death?

What about his resurrection?

For whose sake was this self-denial unto death, Rom. 5, 8.

2. The Self-seeking Disciples.

Who sought Jesus, asking a favor for her sons?

What was her request?

What did Jesus say of their ignorance?

What question did he ask?

What share did he promise them in his sorrow?

Who would sit at his right hand and left?

What did the other disciples think of this request?

What did Jesus say about authority among Gentiles?

What about being great among his disciples?

What must he do who would be chief?

Whose example would they thus follow?

What did the Son of man come to give?
From what city did they journey?
Who followed Jesus?
How does the life of Christ rebuke self-seeking?
(Golden Text.)

Teachings of the Lesson.

Where in this lesson are we taught—

1. That goodness does not exempt people from suffering?
2. That real greatness consists in helpful service?
3. That self-denial is the true road to honor?

Hints for Home Study.

Read Mark's account of this incident, and in what he differs from Matthew.

Find two other occasions when Jesus spoke of his sufferings as a "cup."

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

Who came to see Jesus on his way to Jerusalem?
The mother of James and John.

What did she ask of him? That her sons be given the highest place in his kingdom.

What did she expect Jesus to become? A great earthly king.

What did Jesus say to her, and to James and John?
"Ye know not what ye ask."

What did Jesus know? That those who share his glory in heaven must first share his sufferings and death upon earth.

What did he ask James and John? "Are ye able to work and suffer and die with me?"

What did they say? "We are able."

What did Jesus tell them? That God would prepare and give them their places in heaven.

Who will have places in heaven? All who love and obey him.

Who were angry with James and John for wanting the best places? The ten disciples.

What did Jesus do when he saw this? He called them all about him and taught them of his kingdom.

What did he tell them? "Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister."

What is a minister? One who serves or helps others.

How do the people of the world try to be great? By making others serve and obey them.

Who does Jesus say shall be truly great, here and hereafter? Those who work and suffer for others.

What did Jesus say he came to do? (Repeat the Golden Text.)

What is it to ransom any one? To save them from punishment and death.

How can we show our love to Jesus, for dying to save us from punishment and death? By loving and helping others as he did.

Words with Little People.

Do you ever want and ask for the best places?
Have you ever tried Jesus's way of being great?
Do you keep right on in his way when it is hard, and others laugh at you?

If you had been among the disciples would you have felt like James and John?

Be ye kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, even as God in Christ forgave you."

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. What did Jesus tell the twelve disciples should befall him in Jerusalem? That he should be betrayed.

2. By whom would he be condemned? By the chief priests and scribes.

3. How would he meet death? He would be scourged and crucified.

4. What caused indignation among the disciples? The request of James and John.

5. What did they ask? To be first and second in his kingdom.

6. What did he say was the purpose of his own life? "The Son of man came not," etc.

THE CHURCH CATECHISM.

27. Where did God place our first parents? In the garden of Eden. Gen. 2, 8.

28. What law was given them? The law of perfect obedience. Gen. 2, 16, 17.

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