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39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

40 Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet.

41 Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Gal'i-lee?

42 Hath not the Scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of Da'vid, and out of the town of Beth'le-hem, where Da'vid was?

43 So there was a division among the people because of him.

44 And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.

said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believed on him were to receive: for the Spirit was not yet *given*; because Jesus was not yet glorified. Some of the multitude therefore, when they heard these words, said, This is of a truth the prophet. Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, What, doth the Christ come out of Gal'i-lee? Hath not the scripture said that the Christ cometh of the seed of Da'vid, and from Beth'le-hem, the village where Da'vid was? So there arose a division in the multitude because of him. And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.

TIME.—A. D. 30. **PLACE.**—The temple courts. **RULERS.**—Herod in Galilee; Pilate in Judea. **DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—The universality of salvation.

HOME READINGS.

- M.* Christ at the feast. John 7. 31-44.
Tu. The Jews perplexed. John 7. 10-17.
W. Enemies confounded. John 7. 45-53.
Th. Peter's confession. John 6. 60-69.
F. Faith and confession. Rom. 10. 1-10.
S. "Come unto me." Matt. 11. 25-30.
S. "Come and drink." Rev. 22. 12-17.

LESSON HYMNS.

No. 358, New Canadian Hymnal.

O God of Bethel, by whose hand.

No. 252, New Canadian Hymnal.

How happy every child of grace.

No. 174, New Canadian Hymnal.

Ho, reapers in the whitened harvest!

DOMINION HYMNAL

Hymns, Nos. 56, 61, 54.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. The People's Questions, v. 31-36.

How did the people who believed on Jesus argue?
 How were miracles regarded by all who lived at that time?

Why did the Pharisees so constantly work against Jesus?

What body is referred to by the phrase "the Pharisees and the chief priests?"

What did they propose to do?

How long a period was the "little while" which Jesus here referred to?

What did he mean by the phrase, "I go unto him that sent me?"

In what sense did the Jewish authorities seek but not find Jesus after his ascension?

Were the hostile Jews sincere in the questions of verses 35, 36?

Why did they not understand Jesus, if, indeed, they did not?

Who were the "dispersed among the Gentiles?"

Did Jesus himself ever preach the Gospel to the Gentiles?

Who did?

2. The Saviour's Promise, v. 37-39.

What feast was this?

At what season of the year was it held?

Of what was it the memorial?

What singular ceremony was performed on the last day?

Where were Jesus and the surrounding people when Jesus "stood and cried?"

To what sort of thirst did he refer?

Did ever any mere man or woman live who could give such an invitation as that?

Did Jesus believe in the "Scripture?"

What books of Scripture had the Jews?

What does Jesus say (in verse 38) that the Scripture says in regard to him?

In what sense can it be said that deep in every true Christian's nature there is a fountain from which waters of life and health flow for the nourishment and delight of all about him?

When was the Holy Ghost given?

To what fact in Jesus's history does John refer by the phrase "was glorified?"

3. The Conflicting Opinions, v. 40-44.

What conception had the people of "the Prophet" mentioned in verse 40? (See Deut. 14. 18.)

Did Jesus really "come out of Galilee?"