

be strong enough to endure. John will suffer lonely exile, while James will be the first martyr of the apostles' band. Not mine to give; not to give as a king could give to his favorites. For whom it is prepared. There is to be a correspondence between the glory of the chief seats and the character of those who occupy them.

III. INDIGNANT DISCIPLES.—21-45. Much displeased; not because James and John had been so thoughtless towards Jesus, but because they had tried to forestall them. Called them. They all needed a lesson. Which are accounted to rule; those regarded as rulers. Exercise lordship... exercise authority; exercise despotic power over their inferiors for their own interests. So shall it not be among you. There is to be a difference in Christian ideals. Chiefest... servant. Service is the supreme thing. Even the Son of man. The king of the kingdom is the greatest servant. Give his life a ransom. Ransom is the slave's price of deliverance. Christ came to serve by his life and liberate by his death.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



JERUSALEM was the national and religious centre of the land. It was a city of remarkable situation, being situated on the edge of the highest tablelands in the country. On the west, south and east there are deep

ravines edging the city. On the north it is practically level with the rest of the land. The traveler approaching the city from the east or west is struck by its remarkable appearance. The psalmist describes it well: "Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion... the city of the great King."

LESSON QUESTIONS

32-34 Where were Jesus and the disciples going? What unusual thing did Jesus do? What amazed the

disciples? About what did Jesus begin to tell? What were the chief priests to do? What were the Gentiles to do? What was to happen on the third day?

35-37 Who was the mother of James and John? Where do we read of Zebedee? (Ch. 1:20.) What did James and John first say to Christ? What request did they then make?

38-40 What did Jesus ask about the cup and the baptism? What did he mean by cup and baptism? When did James and John show their unreadiness to drink Christ's cup? (Ch. 14:50) To whom do the chief places in glory belong?

41-45 How did the other disciples feel towards James and John? What do the great among the Gentiles do? What is to be greatness among the disciples of Christ?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Was Christ's death on the cross a defeat or a victory?
2. Does Christ expect his followers to share his sufferings?

A PRAYER

Lord, teach us our own weakness that we may know thy strength; our own littleness that we may know thy greatness. Enable us to let go of everything that hinders our vision of thee, and show us how to look into thy face always that we may be transformed into thine image, that thou mayest be glorified. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That Jesus requires self-denial.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression? A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him, by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

The Question on Missions—6. Have they books to read? They may have a few old books on Confucius, Mencius, or Chinese history. Christians, besides these, have Bibles, hymn books, and some religious books and tracts if they can afford to buy them. There are practically no works of fiction or up-to-date magazines.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Why was the request of James and John a selfish one?

2. How did James and John afterwards drink the master's cup?

3. For what did Jesus say he came into the world?

4. SIGN NAME HERE.....