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LESSON I. THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST.

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Matt. 28. 1-10.

[Commit to memory verses 6, 7.]

1 In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear ye not; for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him; lo, I have told you.

8 And they departed swiftly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

9 And as they went to tell the disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid; go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

HOME READINGS.

M. Matt. 28. 1-10. Tu. Mark 16. 43-50. W. Matt. 28. 59-63. Th. Mark 16. 6-19. F. Luke 23. 33-46. S. Luke 23. 50-56. Sa. 1 Cor. 15. 12-22.

GOLDEN TEXT.

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. (1 Cor. 15. 20.)

LESSON HYMNS.

New Canadian Hymnal, Nos. 311, 312, 310.

Dominion Hymnal, Nos. 177, 178, 176.

RULES.—Tiberius, Emperor at Rome; Pontius Pilate, Procurator of Judea; Herod Antipas, Tetrarch of Galilee and Perea.

CONNECTING LINKS.—At the close of the Friday on which the Lord was crucified, and before the Sabbath began, Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus, and the faithful women had buried the body in Joseph's new tomb. The hour was late and the work was hurried, and they planned to finish the embalming after the Sabbath. Early in the morning of the first day of the week they started for this purpose, and our lesson tells the rest of the story.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. The Sorrowing Women, v. 1.

What sorrowing women are here named?

What others were with them? (Mark 16. 1; Luke 24. 10.)

Where were these women going?

On what mission were they going? (Mark 16. 1.)

What day and hour was it?

2. The Heavenly Messenger, v. 2-8.

What heavenly messenger came to the sepulchre?

What startling event occurred at his coming?

What did the angel do at the tomb?

What was his appearance?

How were the guards affected on seeing him?

How did the angel quiet the fears of the women?

How were the women affected?

What did they do?

How was their message regarded by the disciples? (Luke 24. 11.)

3. The Risen Lord, v. 9, 10.

Who met the women as they went from the tomb?

What greeting did they hear?

What did they do?

What did Jesus then say to them?

What disciples saw him in Galilee? (John 21. 2.)

What is our faith as to the risen Lord? (GOLDEN TEXT.)

EXPLANATIONS.

In the end of the Sabbath—This means after the Sabbath had ended and the night had almost passed to the dawn of the day. **A great earthquake**—An earthquake marked his death and an earthquake marked his return to life. **Rolled back the stone**—It was probably circular and set in a groove. **Countenance like lightning**—The appearance which Jesus had when transfigured. **Became as dead men**—Fell into a swoon, or fainted away. **The place where the Lord lay**—Probably a cell or niche cut in the perpendicular wall; perhaps a stone shelf or bench cut along the wall. **Held him by the feet**—An oriental salutation of profound reverence.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

17. Is this the reason why we believe the Old Testament?

There are many other reasons, but this is the chief reason. Our Lord honored the Old Testament, and we must honor it, and receive it as the word of God.