

me; that is, be My follower. **Let him deny himself**; give up pleasing self, and seek to please Christ. **Take up his cross**. Jesus requires each disciple daily (Luke 9: 23) to imitate His own self-sacrifice. **Whoever will** (wishes, or desires to) **save his life**; by avoiding hard duties and self-denial. **Shall lose it**; both the earthly reward and eternal happiness. **Shall lose his life**; count even death itself better than to do wrong. **For my sake and the gospel's**. Not all suffering, but only that endured for Christ, brings gain. **Shall save it**; by winning the blessedness of Christ's kingdom, now and hereafter.

36-38. What shall it profit a man? What good shall it be to him? **Lose his own soul**; the same word as is used for "life," v. 35. **Give in exchange**. Once lost, the whole world cannot buy back the soul. **Ashamed of me**; the most trying temptation of young Christians. **Adulterous**; unfaithful to God. **When he cometh**. See Matt. 26: 64. **The glory of his Father**; the glory which He had with the Father before the world was, John 17: 5. **With the holy angels**; to judge the world.

DAILY READINGS

M.—Peter confesses Christ, Mark 8: 27-38. **T.**—Another confession, John 6: 59-69. **W.**—Confessing the Lord, Isa. 44: 1-8. **Th.**—Belief and confession, Rom. 10: 1-11. **F.**—Not ashamed, 2 Tim. 1: 1-12. **S.**—Reward and confession, Luke 12: 1-12. **S.**—Blessing for Peter, Matt. 16: 13-20.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 3; 67; 2 (Ps. Sel.); 161; 538 (from Primary Quarterly); 50:

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 17. *Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?* A. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

Prove from Scripture—*That we should confess Christ.*

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—Where were the miracles of last Lesson wrought? Near what mountain is Caesarea Philippi?

27-29 Whence did Jesus go to Caesarea Philippi? Whom does Jesus question? What question does He ask first? What answer given? What was His second question? Who answered it? Meaning of "Christ"?

30-33 What charge did Jesus give? What did He say would happen to Himself? By what name does He call Himself? Who first used it? Who found

fault with Him? His reply? To whom had He before spoken in this way? (Matt. 4: 10.)

34, 35 What does Jesus require of all His followers? What is it to deny oneself? To take up one's cross? What happens to those who would rather sin than suffer? To those who would rather suffer than sin?

36-38 What is said of the value of the soul? How will Jesus come again?

Seniors and the Home Department—Give the events between last Lesson and to-day's.

27-29 After whom was Caesarea Philippi named? What did Jesus wish to know from His disciples? Why did He seek this information? Of whom is "the Son of man" a title? What aspect of Christ's nature and work does it specially bring out? Why does Jesus emphasize the word "ye" in His second question? Show the importance of Peter's answer.

30-33 Why were the disciples forbidden to proclaim Jesus as the Messiah? What two predictions did Jesus make? Why was it necessary for Him to die? (1 Pet. 3: 18.) What proofs of His resurrection? (1 Cor. 15: 1-9.)

34-38 What must Jesus' followers be ready to do? What will be their reward? (Matt. 19: 29.)

Seek-Further Questions—What wonderful words were here spoken to Peter that Matthew records, but not Mark? What promise does Jesus make to those who confess Him?

Topics for Brief Papers (To be ready on the day of the Lesson)—1. Peter as the spokesman of the apostles. 2. Cross-bearing.

THE LESSON IN LIFE

1. On what we think of the Christ, turns what He can do for us, and, through us, for others. Is He a mere man? He can do only what a man can do. Is He the Son of God? He can work God's work in us, and give us power to work God's work in our fellow-men. It has been well said that, "the mightier the Christ of a church is, the mightier that church as an influence for good in the world."

2. Satan always makes his service appear as easy and pleasant as possible. Jesus sets before us the hard things first. All the more reason is there for trusting His promises.

3. When the battle rages most fiercely against Christ and His cause, is the time when His followers should be most eager to show that they are on His side.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Write down Peter's great confession.

2. What new revelation was now made to the disciples?

3. What is Christ's rule for saving one's life?