



the heavy burden Jesus bore, and that our sins nailed him there. Let the glad note ring through all the story that because he bore our sins we may be made free, and most of all impress the thought that it was love that brought Jesus to die.]

Introductory. When Jesus said, "It is finished," he meant that the work he came to do was done. He came to give his life, and now he gave it up. Joseph and Nicodemus, two friends of Christ, came and begged the dear lifeless body. They found that there was, indeed, no life in it, for the soldiers had made sure of that. Then the body was taken down and wrapped in linen, with sweet spices these friends had brought. Joseph was rich enough to own a new tomb of his own. No one had ever been laid there in that garden sepulcher. The garden was near to the place, and there in his own tomb Joseph laid the body of the Lord, and some watching women from Galilee saw the tomb and "how his body was laid." Then they returned and made ready more spices and sweet ointments, and rested the next day, for it was the Jewish Sabbath. Even to put sweet spices around their Master they would not work upon the Sabbath day.

We keep the first day instead of the last of the week now, since Jesus rose on the first day of the week. On that day long ago Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found the stone rolled away. She ran and told Peter and John. They ran, also, to the grave. Peter went in and found the linen clothes lying. Then John went in and saw the same, and that Jesus was gone. Then he believed, he says in his book. The two went away after that to their own home.

Mary and the angels. Loving Mary stood outside weeping. Stooping down and looking into the tomb, she saw two men in white sitting where Jesus had lain. When they asked, "Why weep-est thou?" she told them it was because her Lord had been taken away, she knew not where. The angels did not comfort her, beautiful as they were. The empty tomb did not comfort her, so long as she did not know and believe that Jesus was alive. She only thought he had been taken away.

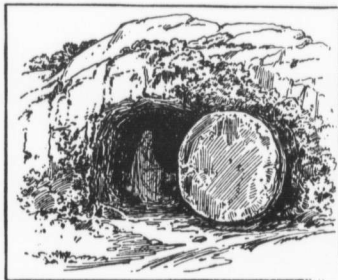
Mary and Jesus. Weeping Mary turned away from the tomb and the angels and saw Jesus, but did not know him. She thought he was the gardener. Perhaps she did not lift her tear-filled eyes to his. She asked where her Lord had

been laid, "I will take him away," she said. How strong she felt in her love! Then Jesus spoke her name, "Mary." Then she knew him and called him Master. What next? He sent her on an errand. "Go and tell the rest," he said. She did not wait, but went with her glad news. That same evening the disciples, in a room apart, with shut doors, for fear the Jews would find them, had a visit from Jesus. "Peace be unto you," he said, standing in the midst of them there; he had come in suddenly, without a sound! He showed them his hands and feet, and they knew him. Then were they glad. They had seen Jesus. Now they had a message, and soon after every one was telling it.

Jesus says to me, "Go tell." People who have good news hurry to tell it; a man who finds gold in a place lets others know it. When a sick person is made well he praises his doctor, and tells what medicine he took. Only the news the angels brought when they sang of Jesus's birth can ever be such good news as Mary and the others told when they said, "The Lord is risen."

If he had not risen, we would not trust him, for he said he would rise. Because he did we know he can do all things. We know he will make us all live again. No one now need be sorry or afraid when death comes. Is not this good news? Write on building stone, "I will tell it." Below on board :

TO WHOM? TO ALL.
WHERE? EVERYWHERE.
HOW? GLADLY.
WHEN? AS OFTEN AS I CAN.



Study and Occupation for the Sub- primary Department.

CHRIST RISEN. John 20, 11-20.

MEMORY GEM : " Now is Christ risen from the dead." 1 Cor. 15, 20.

LESSON STORY: After Jesus had died on the cross a rich man named Joseph wrapped around him a burial robe and had him put into