

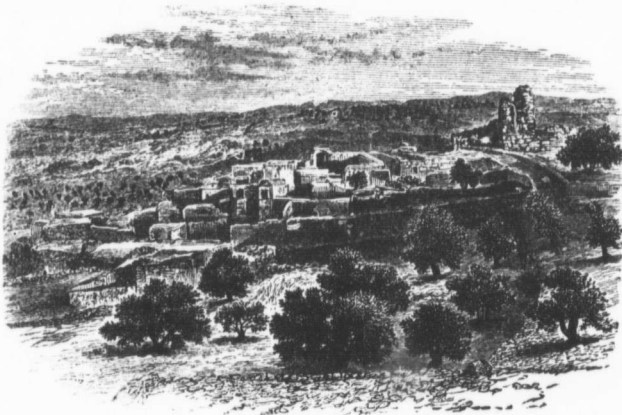
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BETHANY.

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(From Photograph.)

THIS place, which is of peculiar interest to the Scriptural student from having been the residence of Lazarus and his sisters, and the last earthly spot touched by the feet of the risen Jesus, lay a little less than two miles and fifteen furlongs east-south-east from Jerusalem, in a shallow Wady, or vale, on the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives, and on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. In this village, our Lord found the solace and endearments of friendship in the bosom of the family of Lazarus, which was obviously possessed of considerable substance. No place was more ap-

propriate than Bethany to be the spot whence the Redeemer should ascend to his Father; for here His person was well known, and here were friends who would naturally wish to see with their own eyes the last traces of their Lord.

Bethany has been smitten with that general appearance of desolation which now characterizes much of Palestine. It is a poor village, of some twenty or thirty families, having its precincts adorned by fig and olive trees. In the walls of a few of the houses there are marks of antiquity. The most conspicuous object is a ruined tower, built of large square stones, which the Mohammedan villagers declare to have been the abode of Lazarus. His tomb is also shown at some distance north of the town, on the edge of the village.

*Specimens of numerous cuts on Bible Lands to appear in *METHODIST MAGAZINE* for 1890.

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