

The rejected Christ is now the reigning Christ. v. 31.

Saints have sometimes done service for Satan. v. 33.

The cross is the price of the crown. v. 34.  
Painful is the path, but precious the prize of the Christian life. v. 35.

Weal for wealth is bad bargaining. v. 36.  
A heavenly home will richly repay the endurance of human hatred. v. 38.

### From the Library

The journey of our Lord and His disciples was, in the first instance, a retreat from Jewish hostility to the neutrality of Gentile ground. But it became the occasion of His resolution to return to meet the Jews, and the death which lay ready for Him in their hate. From this farthest corner of the land Jesus set His face steadfastly to Jerusalem.—Professor George Adam Smith.

The confession at Cæsarea Philippi of Jesus as Messiah is far different from the earlier one in John 1:41. Then the disciples had hoped that Jesus would prove to be the Messiah of common expectation. Now He is the Son of the living God, the Son of man, the Head of a spiritual kingdom.—Professor R. A. Falconer.

While Peter is certainly the piece of rock (Matt. 16:18), the first stone laid on the great underlying foundation on which all the faithful build, and therefore is in a sense—the common, popular sense, in fact—the foundation stone, yet the foundation of all is the Bed-Rock, on which the first stone and all other stones are laid. . . The Bed-Rock is here, as elsewhere, God as revealed in His Son, and Peter is the first stone "well and truly laid" upon it.—J. Monro Gibson.

Christ's cross is the sweetest burden that I ever bore; it is such a burden as wings are to a bird, or sails to a ship, to carry me forward to my harbor.—Rutherford.

Not many lives, but only one have we,

One, only one;

How sacred should that one life be,

That narrow span!

Day after day filled up with blessed toil,

Hour after hour still bringing in new spoil.

—Bonar

True, life is sweet, and death is bitter; but eternal death is more bitter, and eternal life is more sweet.—Hooper.

Our Lord declared that whosoever is resolved to save his life—the life of wayward, isolated selfishness—he shall lose all its reality, the sap, the sweetness, and the glow of it. And whosoever is content to lose all this for the sake of the great cause, the cause of Jesus and His gospel, he shall save it.

—Chadwick

### Topics for Brief Papers

(To be ready on the day of the Lesson)

1. Peter as the spokesman of the apostles.
2. Cross-bearing.

### Prove from Scripture

That we should confess Christ.

### Lesson Questions

[FROM THE HOME STUDY QUARTERLY]

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

27-29 Whence did Jesus go to Cæsarea 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 the last Lesson and to-day's.

27-29 After whom was Cæsarea 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