

Peter, for you have learned this from God Himself." Then Jesus spoke to Peter about the beginning of His Church and how, in time to come, people would remember that he was the disciple who first confessed that Jesus was the Son of God.

But Jesus warned the disciples against foolish boasting. He said, "Do not go about telling everybody who your Master is. At present it would only do harm." Then He began to speak of His work as the Saviour. Some of His friends would have liked to make Him an earthly king, but Jesus told them how, instead, He must suffer and die for the sins of the world. Peter, whose words sounded so brave a

moment before, could not bear to hear Jesus speak of dying. He interrupted, saying, "Lord that would never do. It would be a great calamity." Then Jesus reproved Peter sternly, saying, "Get thee behind me, Satan. Thou art not on God's side, but on man's."

Jesus then told the disciples plainly that anyone who followed Him would have to give up many things for His sake—even, perhaps, to lose their lives. "But" said Jesus, "that is nothing; for, in the end, those who deny themselves for My sake shall have eternal life. A man's soul is worth more than the whole world, for what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Whom did most people think Jesus was? Ans. They thought He was John the Baptist or one of the prophets.
2. What did Jesus ask His disciples about Himself? Ans. Whom do you think I am?
3. Who answered the question? Ans. Peter.
4. What did he say? Ans. Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.
5. What plan had Jesus' friends for Him? Ans. They wanted to make Him king.
6. What was Jesus' plan? Ans. To die for the sins of the world.
7. Who said to Jesus that He was making a mistake? Ans. Peter.
8. Was Jesus pleased with him? Ans. No, He said, "Get thee behind me Satan."
9. What kind of a time did Jesus promise to His followers? Ans. A hard, dangerous time.
10. And after that? Ans. Eternal life.
11. What is the Golden Text? Ans. If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I should bear my cross



Primary Catechism—102. For whom should we pray besides ourself?

God's word teaches us that we should pray for all men.

Shorter Catechism—31. What is effectual calling?

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the Gospel.

Lesson Hymn

I'm a little pilgrim
And a stranger here;
Though this world is pleasant,
Sin is always near.

Jesus, cleanse and save me,
Teach me to obey;
Holy Spirit, guide me
On my heavenly way.

Amen.

—Hymn 581, Book of Praise