

called Jesus as their king, when there is no king but Caesar!"

However, nothing could be proved against Jason, and he was allowed to go.

When the believers in Thessalonica saw that it was no longer safe for Paul and Silas to stay in that city, they sent them away secretly by night to a place called Berea, where as before they went bravely into the synagogue of the Jews and taught.

Now the people of Berea, instead of stirring up trouble against the missionaries, received the gospel joyfully, and day after day they studied the Scriptures for themselves to prove whether or not the words spoken by Paul and Silas were true.

In this way many of the most respected men and women of Berea, both Jews and Greeks, became followers of Jesus and joined themselves to the church of Christ.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Paul go after leaving Philippi? 2. With whom did he stay? 3. Where did he go on the Sabbath? 4. What was he invited to do? 5. Of whom did he preach? 6. How did he prove that Jesus was the Saviour? 7. Who believed his message? 8. Whom did the unbelievers stir up against the missionaries? 9. What did they do to Jason? 10. What charge did they bring against the Christians? 11. How were Paul and Silas protected? 12. Where did they next preach? 13. How did the people of Berea receive the gospel? 14. How did they find out that it was true? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

The first Bibles were written on long strips of sheep-skin, and rolled up something like a roll of ribbon. As printing was unknown there were few copies of it in the world, and they had all to be written out by the hand of patient men, each copy by itself. But God was taking care of His precious Word.

If they had been written on flimsy paper wicked men who wanted to destroy all Bibles might have done so, for the Bibles had often to be buried in the ground or hidden away in caves and holes. But they were unhurt and some of them have lasted until this day.

Lesson Hymn

Simply trusting every day,
Trusting through a stormy way,
Even when my faith is small:
Trusting Jesus—that is all.

*Trusting as the moments fly,
Trusting as the days go by;
Trusting Him whate'er befall:
Trusting Jesus—that is all. Amen.*
—Hymn 293, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—6. **Where is God?** God is everywhere. 7. **What does God know?** God knows all things. 8. **What does God know about you?** God knows everything I think, say or do.

SHORTER CATECHISM—59. *Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly sabbath?* A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian sabbath.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

In one of your lessons, you remember, you were asked to draw a crown, and to-day you have a cross to draw. You will all



agree that things pleasant and easy are much nicer to have to do with than hard things. But without the hard things, that we call crosses, we could not look forward to one day wearing the crown that Jesus has promised to each one of His little ones.

**I Have Learned To-day
THAT JESUS CAN GIVE ME JOY**