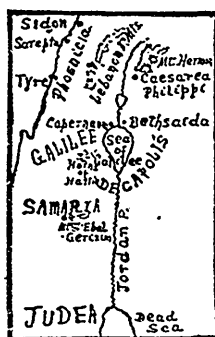


parables as ch. 2:20. Took him; took aside to talk privately. Rebuke. The exact words used are given in Matt. 16:22. Mark misses out the blessing pronounced on Peter, but not the rebuke. Get thee behind me, Satan; words used in the wilderness (Matt. 4:10). It was the same temptation in both cases—a worldly Messiahship. Savourest; Rev. Ver., "mindest."

III. TRUE TERMS OF DISCIPLESHIP.—34-9:1. People . . with his disciples. His teaching is for the many, not for the few alone. Whosoever will come; desireth to come. Take up his cross. Luke (ch. 9:23) adds, "daily." According to Roman custom, the condemned carried his own cross. Same law for Saviour, disciple and multitude—the cross significant of deep pain. Lose his life for my sake. Personal love to Christ must be the motive. Gain the whole world . . forfeit his own life (Rev. Ver.); lose life by saving it, forfeit life by gaining the world. Ashamed. Those ashamed of the Master will be ashamed by the Master. When he cometh. There is a final day of reckoning. Taste; experience. Till they see the kingdom (Rev. Ver.). Some regard this as fulfilled in the Transfiguration, fall of Jerusalem, or early triumphs of the gospel, all, in a deep sense, in the coming of the kingdom.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



MOUNT HERMON is the southern end of the Anti-Lebanon range of Lebanon toward the sun-rising. This range lies in the far north of Palestine. Hermon is nine thousand feet high, being the highest mountain in Palestine. It is called the King of Syria. It looks like a great white dome, for it is covered with snow all the year round. From its base there flow two of the beginnings of the Jordan.

LESSON QUESTIONS

27-30 Near what city do we now find Jesus? What question does He put to the disciples first? What is the answer? What is the second question of Jesus?

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Name the persons to whom Jesus was likened.....
2. What was Peter's great confession?.....
3. What is the true way of saving one's life?.....

Who answers? What does he say? What blessing did Jesus pronounce on Peter? (Matt. 16:17.)

31-33 What strange thing does Jesus now begin to declare? Who rebuked Jesus? What rebuke, in turn, does Jesus give?

34-9:1 What command does Jesus lay on the people? How do men really save their life? How do men lose it? What does the gaining of the world sometimes cost men? How does Jesus describe "this generation?" What will be the fate of those who are afraid to confess Jesus before the world? How will Jesus come? What did Jesus say about some standing about Him? How might we say this prophecy was fulfilled?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. The importance to His disciples—and to us—of a right idea of who Jesus was.
2. How really to gain one's life.

A LESSON FOR LIFE

Some lighthouse lamps are constructed on the alternating principle. One moment a glorious flood of light spreads over the sea, the next moment there is darkness. Peter was something like such a lighthouse. One moment he said a glorious thing, and Jesus blessed him, as if he spoke for God. The next moment he blundered, and Jesus rebuked him, as if he spoke for Satan, for he tried to dissuade Jesus from the way of the cross. Our light turns to darkness, whenever we suggest the selfish thing for ourselves or others.

Prove from Scripture—That Jesus' resurrection proves Him God's Son.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 35. What is sanctification? A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

The Questions on Missions—7. What do the children learn in class? They first acquire English, then gradually study all the subjects in our public schools paying special attention to temperance and hygiene, our system of government, and to Bible study, so that our graduates may be healthy, sober, loyal, Christian Canadians.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 195 (Supplemental Lesson); 45; 39; 119 (Ps. Sel.); 93 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 198.