

apostles accept offered homage (Acts 3, 12; 14, 14), and even an angel refused it. Rev. 22, 9.

10. Be not afraid. The risen Saviour finds it necessary to reassure not their faith, but their fellowship, while they look up to him as God. *Go tell my brethren.* A wondrous word of condescension and love toward those who had forsaken him in his hour of need. (11) *He have a brother in heaven. Into Galilee.* It is probable that the meeting in Galilee took place on the mountain where the sermon of Matt. 5-7 was preached.

11. When they were going. While Christ's messengers were at work Satan's messengers were at work also. Some of the watch. The soldiers who had recovered from their momentary terror, showed us the responsibility for leaving their post and permitting the seal on the tomb to be broken.

HOME READINGS.

- M.* Jesus risen. Matt. 28, 1-8.
Tu. Jesus risen. Matt. 28, 9-15.
W. The empty sepulcher. John 20, 1-10.
Th. The living Master. John 20, 11-18.
F. Thomas convinced. John 20, 19-29.
S. The resurrection confirmed. 1 Cor. 15, 1-11.
S. Consequence of the resurrection. 1 Cor. 15, 12-24.

GOLDEN TEXT.

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. 1 Cor. 15, 20

LESSON HYMNS.

- No. 177, Dominion Hymnal.
 "Christ, the Lord, is risen to-day!
 Sons of men and angels say.
 No. 180, Dominion Hymnal.
 Lift up, O little children,
 Your voices clear and sweet.
 No. 180, Dominion Hymnal.
 We praise thee, O God!
 For the Son of thy love.

TIME.—30 A.D. The first day of the following week.

PLACE.—Jerusalem, or near the city.

RULES.—Same as before.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The risen Lord.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. The Empty Tomb.

When was the empty tomb of Jesus discovered?

By whom was it discovered?

Why did these women visit the sepulcher again so early? Luke 23, 56-56, and 24, 1.

What had preceded the opening of the tomb?

What had Jesus publicly proclaimed concerning himself before his death? Matt. 27, 63.

What precautions had been taken to prevent such a thing being said? Matt. 27, 64, 66.

What happened to these soldiers when the earthquake came?

What word of cheer did the women receive?

Which one of them did not hear this message?

What had she done which prevented her hearing? John 20, 2.

2. The Risen Lord.

Who first saw the Lord after he had risen? ver. 9.

Who next saw him? John 20, 11, 14.

While these things were occurring what was happening in the city?

What official recognition, all unintended, was given to the fact of the resurrection?

What was the effect of this action upon common belief?

How many appearances after his resurrection does Paul enumerate? 1 Cor. 15, 5-8.

How many persons saw him during this first day? Luke 24, 13, 34; ver. 9; John 20, 14.

Of what is his resurrection a sure proof?

Practical Teachings.

How often we spend our best energies upon the dead

12, 13. Assembled with the elders. Not in a formal but a secret meeting. *Large money.* Literally, "sufficient money," as much as the soldiers demanded. (12) *Sin generally costs more money than righteousness.* Stole him

while we slept. A statement which carried a falsehood on its face, for how could the soldiers know while they were asleep who stole the body, or that any one stole it? Moreover, the penalty for sleeping on guard was death, and Roman soldiers knew the rigor of discipline. And the disciples who had fled from Jesus living were not likely to brave the arms of Rome, and break the governor's seal for his dead body.

14, 15. Come to the governor's ears. As was not likely to be the case, as after the Feast Jesus would return to his head-quarters at Capernaum. We will persuade him. By a bribe, such as Roman officials were all too willing to accept. Commonly reported. That is, at the time when the Gospel was written, twenty to forty years after the event.

past, and fail to comprehend the living issues about us!

These loving women found only an empty tomb. There is danger that we may expend our worship in forms only. How many prayers are empty tombs; readings of God's word, empty tombs!

Yet, performing duty, they met the risen Lord. Many a soul that walks according to the best light it has meets the Lord in the way.

The Angel of God was a terror to the watch, a messenger of joy to the women. Why?

Note the crimes of the scribes and priests: false accusation, malice, murder, falsehood, bribery. What a picture of a debased religion!

But are you any better than they? Have you received him?

Here is a prophecy of the swift-coming future: death swallowed up in victory.

Hints for Home Study.

1. Compare the four gospels as to the time when Christ rose.

2. Compare them, to see just how events occurred that day.

3. Be sure to read all of John 20, 19-29.

4. Find how many persons went to the sepulcher.

5. Find the different testimonies made that day that he had risen.

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

1. The Empty Tomb.

Who went early to visit the tomb of Jesus?

Upon what day in the week?

From what was a sudden shock felt?

What visitor came to the tomb before the women?

What did he do at the door of the tomb?

How did his countenance appear?

What was the color of his raiment?

How were the watch affected when they saw him?

What did the angel say to reassure the women?

What did he know about the object of their visit?

What had become of the crucified Jesus?

What were the women asked to see?

To whom would they sent with this news?

Where would the disciples see him?

How were the women affected as they went away?

What shows their prompt obedience?

2. The Risen Lord.

Who met them as they were going away?

How did Jesus greet them?

What did they do?

What message did Jesus give them?

To whom did the guard tell their story?

What counsel was then taken?

What were bribed to make a false report?

What story were the soldiers to tell?

What protection was promised them?

How did the plan succeed?

Among whom was this story long current?

What is the true story about the empty tomb? (Golden Text.)

Teachings of the Lesson.

Where in this lesson are we taught—

1. That God has angelic servants?

2. That he needs our service?

3. That in his service is great reward?

Hints for Home Study.

Learn the name of a third woman who went with the two Marys to the tomb.