

JESUS—"Lovest thou Me?" He would lead Peter to a deeper, fuller knowledge of His real self.

PETER—The same answer as before; but, one is sure, even more humbly given.

JESUS—"Feed My sheep", the whole flock, as well as the lambs of the flock.

JESUS—The same question, now a third time asked. Deeper still would Jesus go.

PETER—Now a very, very humble Peter,

reminding one of the Peter of Matt. 26 : 75.

JESUS—Again, "Feed My sheep"—a life-long service in Christ's cause. But something more, — death at the hands of cruel men (Peter refers to this in 2 Pet. 1 : 14): likely, to be crucified. Then dwell on the final command and watchword, "Follow Me".

If there is time, take up Peter's question concerning John, and the Lord's answer; and show that, to do our own work for Christ well, is the main thing in life.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON

[SEE SKETCH MAP, LESSON X.]

The fresh water lake commonly known as the Sea of Galilee has three other names: (1) The Sea of Chinnereth, the old Testament name, from a Hebrew word meaning "a harp" or "a basin" (see Num. 34 : 11). (2) The Lake of Gennesaret (Luke 5 : 1), a name meaning, as some think, "a prince's garden". The Land of Gennesaret was an extremely beautiful and fertile region on the west side of the lake. (3) Sea of Tiberias (John 6 : 1 ; 21 : 1), from the well known city on the western shore.

The lake is about 700 feet below the level of the Mediterranean. It is pear or heart-

shaped, 13 miles long by 7 across at its broadest part. Sudden and very violent storms are common, owing to the winds which rush down the gorges amid the hills that surround it, and, striking the water at an angle, stir it up to a great depth. In Gospel times, the lake swarmed with fish. Several towns on its shores took their names from the fishing industry, as Bethsaida ("Fisher-home"), and Taricheæ ("Fish-factories"), where fish were salted and dried. To-day the salt can be seen here on the sand encrusted like hoar frost. The whole lake basin was a focus, in our Lord's day, of restless life and energy.

ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under various headings.

From the Library

There was a green hillside
By Galilee's soft tide;
And sweet the garden's shade
By ancient olives made,
We often follow there
Thy words of life to share—
But O, the multitude of Thine untended sheep!
Speaks there a voice within our spirit's deep—
Thy voice to us,
And speaks it thus:
'O, if you love Me, feed My sheep!'

—Mrs. Merrill E. Gates.

Some Test Questions

1. When and where did the events of today's Lesson take place?
2. How had the disciples spent the night? With what success?
3. Who appeared to them on the shore?

What directions did He give? What was the result? What did Peter do when he knew it was the Lord?

4. What did the rest of the disciples do? What preparation had been made for them?

5. What invitation did Jesus give? Why did the disciples not ask Him who He was?

6. How did He put them at their ease? How often had He appeared previously to His disciples when they were gathered together?

7. What question did Jesus ask of Peter? What is meant by "these"? Why was the question thrice repeated?

8. To whose judgment did Peter leave the question of His love for Jesus? What three-fold commission did he receive?

9. What hint did Jesus give as to the manner of Peter's death? What command did He give?

10. What question did Peter ask about John? What was Jesus' reply, and what meaning did many put upon it?