

GOLDEN TEXT

1 Cor. 15: 20. Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

DAILY READINGS

M. —1 Cor. 15: 1-11. Many witnesses.
T. —1 Cor. 15: 12-21. } The resurrection.
W. —1 Cor. 15: 50-58. }
Th. —1 Thess. 4: 13-18. Ever with the Lord.
F. —Isa. 53. He died for us!
S. —Acts 13: 26-37. Glad tidings.
S. —Matt 28: 1-10. He is risen!

CATECHISM

Q. 72. What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?
A. The seventh commandment forbiddeth all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.

TIME AND PLACE

When Paul wrote the First Epistle to the Cor-

inthians, he was still at Ephesus, intending to remain until Pentecost, ch. 16: 8. This feast occurred late in the spring. Paul's departure from Ephesus was hastened by the riot, Acts 19: 23-20: 1. The letter was probably written, therefore, early in the spring. The year was 57 A.D.

LESSON PLAN

- I. The Pledge of the Resurrection, 20, 21. Seen in the fact that Christ rose from the dead.
- II. The Necessity of the Resurrection, 50. In order to enter on the heavenly inheritance.
- III. The Certainty of the Resurrection, 51-54. Resting on a revelation from God.
- IV. The Glory of the Resurrection, 55-58. Consisting in victory over sin and death.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 58; 8 (Ps. Sel.); 326; 202; 338; 537.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—20, 21 Who wrote this epistle? From what place? To whom? For what purpose? What fact here declared? (v. 20.) Who were witnesses to it? (vs. 1-8.) What is meant by firstfruits? (Lev. 23: 10, 11.) To what is death here likened? (Also 1 Thess. 4: 14; John 11: 31.) By whom did death come into the world? (Gen. 2: 17.)

50 What name here given to the body? Why must the body be changed? What is the Christian inheritance here called?

51-54 What is meant by a "mystery"? What mystery here made known? Who are to be changed? How quickly? When? What shall happen to the dead? What will the new body be like? (Phil. 3: 21.) What is meant by "incorruption"? "Immortality"?

55-58 What makes death so dreadful? Who has overcome sin and death? Who gives the victory over death? What exhortation here given? The reason for it?

Seniors and the Home Department—20, 21 What subject is discussed in this lesson? What proofs had been given of Christ's resurrection? (Luke 24: 34-40; John 20: 26; vs. 5-8.) Show the importance of Christ's resurrection? What does it secure for us? (Rom. 4: 25.)

50 What is said about the risen body? (vs. 42, 44; Phil. 3: 21.) How is the change of the natural into the spiritual body illustrated? (vs. 35-38.)

51-54 What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection? (S. Catechism, Ques. 38.) Who will change the body? (Phil. 3: 21, 21.) When

will the change take place? (1 Thess. 4: 15-17.) What of those who are dead? What scripture here quoted? (Isa. 25: 8.)

55-58 What scripture referred to? (Hos. 3: 4.) Through whom does victory over death come? How should belief in the resurrection influence us?

Prove from Scripture—That the dead will rise again.

Practical Points—1. Do not think of Christ as dead or far away from you. He is living and near at hand, ready always to help you.

2. If we are to have the ripe fruit, the blossom must fall to the ground. It is through the death of the earthly body that we obtain the new and glorious body.

3. A workman in Faraday's laboratory knocked a silver cup into a jar of acid, which ate it up completely. But the great chemist added some substance to the jar, which in a moment precipitated all the silver to the bottom. It was sent to a silversmith, and Faraday had his cup again. If a mere man could do that, cannot God, who created our bodies, gather them back again from the dust?—Peloubet.

4. If we glorify God in our bodies, God will make our bodies glorious.—Jeremy Taylor.

5. As a spirit-level shows when a beam is not laid straight, so God's law makes known the sin in our lives.

6. "In the Lord" is a safe rule of life, a mighty source of strength, and a sure guarantee of glorious reward.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What prophecy does the resurrection fulfill?

2. Over what is the resurrection a victory?

3. Through whom is this victory gained?