

GOLDEN TEXT.

"We beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father."—John 1: 14.

LESSON PLAN.

Lesson topic.—The glory of the suffering Christ unveiled, by

1. The Transfigured Christ,
2. The Immortal Visitors,
3. The Witnessing Voice,
4. The Saviour's Charge.

DAILY READINGS.

M. The transfiguration, Matt. 17: 1-9.
T. The beloved Son, Mark 1: 1-11.
W. The Father's testimony, John 5: 19-32.
T. Remembrance, 2 Peter 1: 15-21.
F. Glory of Christ, Heb. 1.
S. The heavenly glory, Rev. 1: 9-13.
S. God manifested, John 1: 1-14.
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CATECHISM.

Q. 17. Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

A. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

LESSON HYMNS.

Nos. 83 (Psalm), 45, 205, 570.

HELPS TO KEEP THE LESSON.

Whom did Jesus take with him?

On what other occasions were these three taken with Jesus? Mk. 5: 37; 14: 33. Which of them refers to the transfiguration in his epistles? 2 Pet. 1: 15. What reason does Luke give for Jesus going up into the mountain? Lu. 9: 28. Did he often do so?

Tell what change took place in Jesus.

Mention other occasions on which glory was seen on the faces of God's people? Ex. 34: 35. Ac. 26: 15. How was this appearance fitting in Christ? 1 John 1: 15; 1 Tim. 6: 16; Ps. 104: 2.

Who were seen talking with Jesus?

On what subject did they converse with Jesus? Lu. 9: 31. How had they departed from earth? Deut. 24: 34; 2 Ki. 2: 11.

What did Peter, when he interrupted, say? What did he wish to make? Were any to be

made for the disciples themselves? Did Peter still leave the decision to Jesus?

What use was made of tabernacles in the Jewish feasts? Lu. 23: 40. Of what were they made? Neh. 8: 16. Had Peter considered what he said? Lu. 9: 33. Where is it good for God's people to be? Ps. 27: 4; Ps. 84: 4.

What took place while Peter was yet speaking? Whom did the cloud overshadow? What was heard by the disciples? What words were spoken by the voice out of the cloud?

What was the effect of hearing the voice upon the disciples?

How were their fears quieted?

What charge did Jesus give the disciples as they came down from the mountain? When were the rest of the disciples to hear of the Transfiguration?

HELPS TO LIVE THE LESSON.

The presence of others often hinders us from learning Christ's lessons. We need to go apart with him. We can now do so in prayer.

The glory of Jesus was hidden or veiled, as men usually saw him; but at the Transfiguration he shewed Himself as he really was. When Jesus comes again in glory, his people, some raised from the dead, some without dying, shall appear in glory with him. When Christian love shines out through our characters, we also are transfigured. Neither real goodness nor real baseness can be always hidden.

The death of Christ is a theme of wonder to the inhabitants of Heaven.

It is good for us to be with Christ. But

it is not good for us to glory in Christ's wondrous character and turn away from his cross. "If thou wilt" is the best way to begin all proposals.

Men fear the presence of God because of sin. The heathen dread their gods; Christians feel reverence, but not terror, before God. When Christ comes again all dread shall be gone from his people, but the terror of all others will be fearful.

Jesus only is sufficient for us, and is better than all else beside.

We should do what Jesus bids us even when we might seem to honor him by doing otherwise. Jesus knows best.

ANSWER IN WRITING.

1. Why was Christ transfigured?
2. Who were in the mount with Jesus?
3. About what did Moses and Elias talk with Jesus?
4. What made the disciples fear?
5. Who declared Christ to be the Son of God?
6. What did Jesus charge his disciples, and why?