

GOLDEN TEXT.

"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."—Matt. 3: 17.

PROVE THAT.

Jesus was divine. John 10; 30.

DAILY READINGS.

M. Jesus and John, Matt. 3: 1-9.
T. Jesus and John, Matt. 3: 10-17.
W. Prepare the way, Isa. 40: 1-8.
Th. A voice from heaven, Luke 9: 23-36.
F. John's witness, John 1: 15-28.
S. Behold the Lamb, John 1: 29-37.
S. Sent before, John 3: 23-36.

CATECHISM.

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?
A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.

LESSON HYMNS.

Nos. 481, 476, 105, 412, in the new Book of Praise.

BIBLE SEARCH LIGHTS.

By whom was the first Gospel written? For whom? When? Whose son was John the Baptist? What relationship between his mother and the Virgin Mary? Where was he baptizing?

7. Did Jesus speak in the same severe terms? (ch. 12: 34; 23: 13-15, 33; John 8: 44.) How may we escape the wrath to come? (Rom. 5: 9; 1 Thess. 1: 10.)

8. What is the test of true repentance and godliness? (ch. 7: 16-18; 12: 33.) What fruit should the Christian bear? (Gal. 5: 22, 23.)

9. From whom were the Jews accustomed to boast of their descent? (John 8: 33-39.) How was it evident that they were not true children of Abraham? (John 8: 39; Rom. 2: 28.) What real advantage did Jews have? (Rom. 3: 1, 2.) What better claim may true Christians make? (Rom. 4: 1, 11, 16; Gal. 3: 29.)

10. What parable uses language similar to this? (Luke 13: 6-9.) What similar warning

against fruitless discipleship? (John 15: 6.)

11. Shew that John's baptism was not that of the Christian Church? (Acts 19: 1-4.) Was the baptism of the Spirit predicted? (Isa. 44: 3.) Did Christ promise it? (John 15: 26.) When did it come? (Acts 1: 5; 2: 4.)

12. What does the prophet say of the purifying work of Christ? (Mal. 3: 2, 3.) What is said of his judgment of the wicked? (Mal. 4: 1.) What are Christ's words? (Matt. 13: 30; Mark 9: 43-48.)

13. Where was Jesus residing? (Mark 1: 9.) Why did Jesus seek baptism from John? What age was he at this time? (Luke 3: 23.)

16, 17. Was this endowment with the Spirit predicted of the Messiah? (Isa. 11: 1, 2; 42: 1; 61: 1.) How often was this voice heard? (Matt. 17: 5; John 12: 28.) Where is the Messiah called God's Son? (Ps. 2: 7.) God's Beloved Son—See Isa. 42: 1; Matt. 12: 18; Eph. 1: 6; Col. 1: 13; 2 Pet. 1: 17.

LESSONS.

1. There is a "wrath to come?"
2. Only the penitent will escape it?
3. None are truly penitent who do not bring forth the fruits of repentance?

4. Jesus was "made under the law" for us?

5. Our hearts must be at fault if we cannot love Him whom God so loves?

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED IN WRITING.

- 1—What evidences of repentance did John wish to see? (4)
- 2—Of what real value to a Jew was his descent from Abraham? (6)
- 3—In what respect was Christ's baptism superior to that of John? (4)
- 4—Why was Jesus baptized? (6)
- 5—What proof was there given that He was the promised Messiah? (5)