

What was the reply, and by whom made?
 What command did Jesus give?
 What four things did he say must take place?
 What says the GOLDEN TEXT about the Son of man?

2. Faithfulness, v. 23-27.

What three conditions of discipleship did Jesus name?

How is one sure to lose his life?
 How can one lose his life and yet save it?
 What question of profit and loss is asked?
 Of whom will Jesus be ashamed, and when?
 What would some of the disciples see before death?

What great event occurred a week later?
 (Verses 28-36.)

What miracle immediately followed? (Verses 37-42.)

What question arose, and how was it answered?
 (Verses 46-48.)

Practical Teachings.

Where in this lesson are we shown the duty—

1. Of faith?
2. Of self-denial?
3. Of courage?

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

1. Verses 18-22.

18. What was Jesus in the habit of doing before any great work? Mention instances. Why did he ask the disciples what people thought of him?

19. How was it that none said he was the Messiah?

20. Why did he ask the disciples what they thought? Who answered for the rest? Why did Peter answer?

21. Why did Jesus charge them to tell no one that he was Christ?

22. Why must he suffer? What three orders made up the great council? Did he say anything to cheer them?

2. Verses 23-27.

23. What did Christ mean by our taking up the cross? What must we do after we make this choice?

24. What do we lose if we live for the world?

25. Can the loss be made up?

26. What is it to be ashamed of Jesus? How does Christ's example encourage us?

27. What did Jesus mean by seeing the kingdom of God?

Teachings of the Lesson.

What the world thinks of Christ is often wrong. It is not enough to know what others think of Jesus. Suffering and glory are linked together. To remain a Christian is as important as to become one. We ought not to be ashamed of Jesus, nor yet be a shame to him. If one soul is lost there is nothing valuable enough in the universe to redeem it. Jesus will reward those who do and suffer much for him. Compared with Christ's sufferings how light are ours! Compared with the glory he promises how little we do to merit it!

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

Where is Mount Hermon?

What can you tell about the country at its foot?

What city was at the foot of the mountain in Christ's time? **Cæsarea Philippi.**

Where did Jesus and the disciples go one day?

What for?

Do you know what Jesus had to make him sad?

What question did he ask the disciples?

What did they tell him?

Why would this make Jesus feel sorry? **Because he was not understood.**

What did he ask then?

Who answered?

What did he say?

Why would this comfort Jesus?

What did Jesus teach the disciples then?

What is better than anything else in the world?

To know God and follow him.

Something to Remember.

The child who knows Jesus may be a witness for him.

It makes Jesus sad when his children do not try to get acquainted with him.

If we know Jesus we shall want to tell somebody who he is.

EXPLANATORY AND PRACTICAL NOTES.

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General Statement.

We must not suppose that the historic divisions which modern students of our Lord's life have marked so clearly were at all noted by those who lived with him. Each new day their ears and eyes were startled, sometimes were stunned, by teachings such as men had never heard and by deeds such as men had never seen. When great men smiled on the Galilean Rabbi his disciples multiplied beyond easy counting; when the hostility of the authorities was felt many turned away from him whom they had for a while adored as Messiah; but the steady current of his life flowed on, in full view of friends and foes, hardly marked by such partitions as have become familiar to us under the titles "Year of Popularity" and "Year of Obscurity." Now approaches the close of "The Galilean Ministry," which, you will re-