

Lesson, Mount Hermon. If we draw a rock projecting out of the side of the mountain, you will remember what Jesus was talking about to His disciples (Recall). Then Jesus told them that soon He was going to suffer and die on the cross. They were feeling very sad, and were perhaps wondering if, after all, Jesus was really God's Son, if He were going to die just as any other man would die.

Lesson—About a week after this, Jesus took three of His disciples, Peter and James and John (His closest companions), up on this mountain to pray. While Jesus prayed, something wonderful happened. His appearance was changed (transfigured), a glorious brightness shone from His face. His clothing became white and sparkling. See! two men stand beside Jesus, men who have been in heaven many hundred years—Moses and Elijah! The disciples look and listen! These men are talking with Jesus about His death. Then they disappear. Peter runs to Jesus, full of joy at the glorious sight. He does not want to leave this place where all this beauty and wonder and glory had appeared to them. "Let us make three booths of boughs (tabernacles), that we may stay here and worship." Peter was so excited, he did not know what a foolish thing he asked. He wanted to enjoy himself. (Do you think that is what Jesus wants the

people of His church to do? That would be selfish!) Suddenly, while Peter is speaking, a cloud came around about them and "overshadowed them."

Golden Text—Then a voice from the cloud said, "THIS IS MY BELOVED SON: HEAR HIM." The voice ceased, the cloud disappeared, and Jesus was found alone, just as He had always appeared to His disciples. What did it all mean?

For Jesus' Sake—Jesus was feeling sad and lonely, and God, His Father, sent these messengers from heaven to talk with Him and cheer Him, and make Him know that God was watching over Him in all His sorrow, and was indeed His Father.

For the Disciples' Sake—The disciples were feeling sad and lonely, and God wanted to cheer them by letting them see that Jesus did not belong to the world like other men, but had all that glory in Him which only the Son of God could have. The visitors from heaven talking about His death showed them that God knew all about it. Then God's voice once more told the listeners that Jesus is His Beloved Son—"HEAR HIM."

Something to Draw at Home—Draw a mountain, and remember the beautiful sight the disciples saw.

Something to Remember—Jesus is the King of glory.

SUPERINTENDENT'S BLACKBOARD REVIEW

"AS HE PRAYED"

Who is spoken of here? Yes, Jesus. What was He doing? Give other instances of His praying? At His baptism (ch. 3 : 21); before choosing the Twelve (ch. 6 : 12); in Gethsemane (ch. 22 : 41); on the cross (ch. 23 : 34, 46.) Where was He praying at this time? Get the scholars to describe Mount Hermon. What happened as Jesus was praying? Draw out the different descriptions of the change in our Lord's appearance given in the first three Gospels. Who were with Jesus? What did they do? Who came from heaven? About what did they talk with Jesus? What did Peter wish to do? What came upon Jesus and His visitors? Describe the effect of this on the disciples. Who spoke out of the cloud? In what words? On what other occasions did He speak in like manner to Jesus? (See Mark 1 : 11; John 12 : 28.) What does the Lesson teach us about who Jesus is? About what He came to earth to do for us? About what He claims from us?