

GOLDEN TEXT

Matt. 22: 42. What think ye of Christ?

DAILY READINGS

- M. —Matt. 22: 31-40. Christ silences the Pharisees.
 T. —Luke 20: 19-26. Questioners rebuked.
 W. —Mark 12: 28-37. The Scribe's reply.
 Th. —Deut. 6: 1-13. The Great Commandment.
 F. —Lev. 19: 9-18. Love for others.
 S. —2 John. The Old Commandment.
 S. —John 7: 32-46. Convincing words.

CATECHISM

Q. 60. How is the sabbath to be sanctified?

A. The sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and

spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

TIME AND PLACE

In the temple at Jerusalem, Tuesday, April 4, A.D. 30, the same day as our last lesson, three days before the crucifixion.

LESSON PLAN

I. Tempted, 34-36. By a question as to the greatest commandment.

II. Answering, 37-40. By a summary of the Ten Commandments.

III. Questioning, 41-64. In His turn, the Pharisees, whom He completely silenced.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 180; 92 (Ps. Sel.), 423; 575; 425; 183.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—34-36 With whom had Christ been discussing? On what subject? Who were the Sadducees? What was their belief? Who were the Pharisees? What was their chief fault? What question now asked Christ? By whom? What is the meaning of "tempt" as here used?

37, 38 Which is the first and great commandment? Why should we love God first and most?

39, 40 What is the second great commandment? What two classes of duties in these commandments? Tell the story of the Good Samaritan.

41-45 What question does Jesus now ask? Why does He ask this question? What answer do the Pharisees give? To what Scripture does Jesus refer? How can Christ be both David's Lord and David's son?

46 Why could they not answer Jesus? What made them afraid to ask Him any more questions?

Seniors and the Home Department—31-36 What was the chief difference between the Sadducees and the Pharisees? Name some occasions on which Christ had conversations with the Pharisees. (Luke 5: 30; 15: 1-3; Matt. 19: 3.)

37-40 Upon whom should our affections be supremely set? (Mark 12: 30; Ps. 19: 8-10; Col. 3: 1, 2.) Why should Jesus be so precious to us? (1 Pet. 1: 18, 19; 2 Pet. 1: 4.) How do other claims rank? Who has the first claim on our love? (Luke 14: 26; Matt. 10: 37.) How should love be exhibited? (Heb. 6: 10; Matt. 23: 33-40; Gal. 6: 10.) Which is the greatest of the Christian graces, and why is it counted the greatest? (1 Cor. 13: 8, 13.)

41, 42 What is the Golden Text? What answer have I given to the question which the Text asks?

43, 45 What prevented the Pharisees from perceiving that Jesus was indeed the Christ?

46 What was the effect of the discussion on them? What great opportunity had they lost? (See ch. 21: 42, 43.)

Prove from Scripture—That we should love God supremely.

Practical Points—1. The commandment we hold greatest is the index of our character.

2. To love God is the greatest commandment of all, because if we truly love, we shall certainly keep all the other commandments.

3. Sin is so strong within us and Satan is so cunning, that, unless we love God first of all and most of all, we cannot keep from sinning.

4. How close together are these two commandments. The second seems to creep under the first; for it is impossible to love God truly and not love men. If we hate our fellow-men we dare not say that we love God.

5. Do others seem to us so unlovely that we cannot love them? Can they appear half as unlovely to us as we appear in the eyes of a pure and holy God?

6. "What think ye of Christ?" This is the great question for us in this life; even as, at the day of judgment, the great question will be: "What does Christ think of us?"

7. How sad and foolish to quarrel with Jesus, our best friend, as did these Pharisees.

8. It is only those who are not sincere that need fear to come to Jesus. For honest doubters and for those who really want His help, He always keeps an open ear. Hypocrites He scorns.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What was the lawyer's question?.....

2. What, Jesus' answer?.....

3. How did Jesus silence the Pharisees?.....