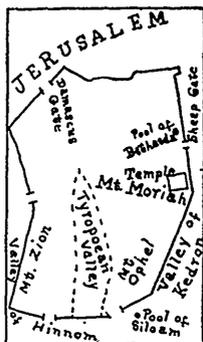


penalty of his sin has been already paid by the lifting up of Jesus on the cross. He bore the punishment which men deserved because of their sin (see 1 Pet. 2: 24). **Believeth not . . . judged already** (Rev. Ver.) ; left under the curse of his own evil deeds, and condemned for rejecting the Gift of God's love. **This is the judgement**, etc. (Rev. Ver.). Wicked men reject the light, because it reveals what they wish to hide. **Doeth truth cometh to the light**. The sincere man welcomes the light, because it shows him the way to God and to Godlikeness. **Wrought in God**. He alone can give the strength which will enable us to do any good deed.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



JERUSALEM, the capital of Palestine, is situated on a table-land of the Central Range of hills running through the country from north to south. The city is in a line with the northern end of the Dead Sea. The table-land is surrounded on all sides, except the north, by deep valleys. Another valley, called the Valley of the Kidron, running northward half-way up and sending out, like the arc of a circle, a branch due west, cuts the table-land into three hills. To the east, is the Mount of Olives, which overlooks the city; to the west, a long ridge called Mount Moriah, on which the temple stood, and to the southwest, Mount Zion, which David captured from the Jebusites, 2 Sam. 5: 7.

AN ORIENTAL SIDELIGHT

"At Wady Fayran", says a traveler in the East, "there came a poor cripple asking help. He had been bitten by one of the fiery serpents of the desert. Rude attempts at checking the sweep of poison had resulted in the sloughing off of his foot and the lower part of his leg; and an ugly stump, with its withered muscles and its protruding bone was the result."

LESSON QUESTIONS

How long did the Passover celebration last? How was Jesus occupied during this time? What

effect had His miracles on the people? Why did Jesus not trust Himself to them?

Who came to visit Jesus? What was his purpose? Why did he come at night? What great truth did Jesus teach him? Who alone can give the new life to men?

14 To what Old Testament incident does Jesus refer? What does He say must be done to Himself? To what does this refer?

15-17 Who are saved by the death of Christ? Show that no one else can save us. (Acts 4: 12.) To whom does God's love extend? What is the measure of it? Explain "only begotten". What is it to "perish"? What are we to understand by "eternal life"? To whom did Paul say he was bound to preach the gospel? (Rom. 1: 14, 15.)

18-21 What does Paul say about the believer's deliverance from condemnation? (Rom. 8: 1)

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. The need of the new birth.
2. Without Christ, no salvation.

A LESSON FOR LIFE

"The little gospel", Luther loved to call John 3: 16. For, indeed, it contains, wrapped up in a single sentence, God's plan for saving the world. The love of God—there is the unfailing fountain. The gift of Christ—there is the stream, abundant and life-giving. "Whosoever believeth"—there is the act of drinking. "Not perish, but have eternal life"—there are the blessed and enduring results.

Prove from Scripture—That sin destroys men.

Shorter Catechism—*Ques. 85. What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?* A. To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.

The Question on Missions—5. What Bible training is given? Every class in school spends at least one hour a day in Bible study. In the orphanages special attention is paid to this, and extra time given to it outside of school hours. There are special classes for training Bible teachers, and these are attended by children of the higher grades.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. For whom is salvation through Christ provided?
2. What is required of us in order to be saved?
3. Why is the believer in Christ free from condemnation?