

siah; (5) The sympathizing Saviour; (6) The Ruler of Nature; (7) The Giver of Life. Or, II. *As a parable*: (1) Lazarus is an illustration of a world dead in sin; (2) Christ is the one who can impart spiritual life; (3) We who cannot give life to dead souls may, nevertheless, roll away the stone and make the way ready for our Saviour; (4) When Christ calls the dead soul must obey and come forth from the sepulcher of sin.... Or the lesson may be studied for its incidental teachings: (1) Concerning life's troubles, mess, and death; (2) Concerning the privileges of Jesus's friends.

### OPTIONAL HYMNS.

Broken in spirit.  
I've found a joy in sorrow.  
O holy Saviour, friend unseen.  
Come, ye disconsolate.  
We shall meet.

Sing the praise of him forever.  
Tenderly our Father watcheth o'er our way.  
Of him who did salvation bring.  
The great Physician.  
Go tell it to Jesus.

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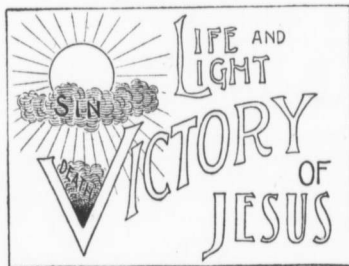
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### Blackboard.

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The raising of Lazarus symbolizes the power of Christ to raise men from sin to eternal life. Sin brought death into the world. Jesus, the sun of Righteousness, dispelled the darkness; and death, with all its terrors, is "swallowed up in victory." He is the light and life of men, and by his own resurrection from the dead gives the pledge that we, too, shall rise and live with him. Even here we may have the more abundant life. He that liveth and believeth in him shall never know death; instead, his life shall merge into eternal life with God. "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

## LESSON II. THE ANOINTING IN BETHANY.

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GOLDEN TEXT. She hath done what she could. Mark 14. 8.

### AUTHORIZED VERSION.

[Compare Matt. 26. 1-13 and Mark 14. 3-9.]

John 12. 1-11. [Commit to memory verses 1-3.]

1 Then Je'sus six days before the passover came to Beth'a-ny, where Laz'a-rus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

2 There they made him a supper; and Mar'tha

### REVISED VERSION.

1 Je'sus therefore six days before the passover came to Beth'a-ny, where Laz'a-rus was, whom 2 Je'sus raised from the dead. So they made him a supper there; and Mar'tha served; but Laz'a-rus was one of them that sat at meat with him. 3 Ma'ry therefore took a pound of ointment of