

up to heaven; to teach that the blessing about to be given came from heaven. **He sighed**; groaned, showing his compassion with suffering, and his grief for sin (see John 11: 33; Mark 8: 12). **Ephphatha**; an Aramaic word, the language of the people.

**35-37. The string** (Rev. Ver., "bond"); that which was hindering his speech. **Should tell no man**. Jesus fled from notoriety. **They published it**; the way in which many treat Jesus, giving Him admiration and praise, but not obedience.

#### DAILY READINGS

M.—Jesus visits Tyre and Sidon, Mark 7: 24-37. T.—Great faith, Matt. 15: 21-31. W.—Faith rewarded, Luke 7: 1-10. Th.—According to faith, Matt. 9: 27-31. F.—Earnest prayer, Ps. 88. S.—Humble prayer, Luke 18: 9-14. S.—The day of salvation, Isa. 35.

**Lesson Hymns**—Book of Praise, 562; 544; 76 (Ps. Sel.); 148; 168 (from Primary Quarterly); 239.

**Shorter Catechism**—*Ques. 16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?* A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

**Prove**—*That prayer should be persistent.*

#### FOR FURTHER STUDY

**Juniors**—What miracle in last Lesson? What wonderful act of Jesus followed?

**24** Where had Jesus been? Whither did He now go? What was His wish? Why not carried out?

**25-27** Who came to Jesus? What did she ask? How did she ask? Jesus' answer? His meaning?

**28-30** The woman's reply? What did she mean? What did her reply show? (Matt. 15: 28.) What was her reward?

**31-34** Whither did Jesus now go? Who was brought to Him? What did Jesus do? Say? Result?

**35-37** Jesus' command? How was it treated? What does God value most in us? (1 Sam. 15: 22.)

**Seniors and the Home Department**—Whither did Jesus send His disciples? Whither did He Himself go? What happened to the disciples? How did Jesus save them? What discourse did He deliver soon after?

**24-37** Who were the Syrophœnicians? What Old Testament miracle wrought in this neighborhood? (1 Kings 17: 8-16.) Explain Jesus' answer to the woman.

**28-30** How did the woman show her wit? Her humility? Her faith? What does Jesus say about the power of faith? (Matt. 17: 20.)

**31-37** What does "Decapolis" mean? What former miracle had Jesus wrought near by? Explain each of His actions in the present miracle. Wherefore the command of secrecy?

**Seek-Further Questions**—Mention another New Testament miracle on behalf of a Gentile. Who was the apostle of the Gentiles?

**Topics for Brief Papers** (To be ready on the day of the Lesson)—1. The Phœnicians. 2. What faith can do.

#### FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. How did Jesus test the Syrophœnician's faith? .....

2. How did He help the faith of the deaf and dumb man? .....

### MARY AT THE SEPULCHRE

[May be used as an alternative lesson]

John 20: 11-18. Commit to memory vs. 15, 16.

**GOLDEN TEXT**—John 20: 20. Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord.

Mary Magdalene, seeing the stone rolled away from our Lord's sepulchre (Mark 16: 4), had immediately hastened to tell Peter and John, v. 2. She followed them back to the sepulchre and the Lord appeared to her. This was His first appearance after He had risen.

**Mary**; that is, Mary Magdalene. **Stood without**. Peter and John had gone into the tomb. **Looked into the sepulchre**; "peered into," hardly daring to believe even yet, that Jesus had risen. **Two angels sitting**; as if they had finished some work, and were waiting to tell some one about it. **Why weepest thou?** Her grief would soon be turned into joy. **They have taken away my Lord**. She was like one looking and looking for some precious object.

**Turned herself back**; as if to seek the One she had lost. **Saw Jesus**; in reality, not in imagination. **Knew not**; because her eyes were dim with

tears and He was changed in appearance. **Whom seekest thou**. Her tears and manner showed that she was looking for some one. **Supposing him to be the gardener**; since no one else was likely to be in the garden so early. If it is not convenient to have the body of Jesus in the sepulchre, she will gladly remove it.

**Mary**. The name was pronounced in a tone which the woman at once recognized. **Rabboni**; an exclamation of "surprise, recognition, relief, joy." **Touch me not**. It was the lesson of walking by faith, not by sight. **My brethren**. A closer tie than bodily presence was now to bind them to Him. **I ascend**; a comforting assurance. They would know whither He had gone, and have fellowship with Him. **My Father and your Father**; theirs, because His, and theirs as surely as His. **Came and told his disciples**; to their surprise and comfort.