

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.
STUDIES IN LUKE.

A. D. 30] LESSON XII. [Dec. 21

JESUS' PARTING WORDS.

Luke 24. 44-53. Memory verses, 45-48.

GOLDEN TEXT.

If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself. — John 14. 3.

TIME—Forty days after the resurrection.

PLACE.—In and about Jerusalem.

CONNECTING LINKS.—Forty days after the resurrection. A cursory reading of this passage might leave the impression on one's mind that the ascension took place on the same day with the resurrection; but Luke only refers here incidentally to the ascension, a fuller account of which he gives in the first chapter of his next book—the Acts of the Apostles.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. *The Scriptures Opened*, vers. 44-46. What did Jesus say about the fulfilment of prophecy? How did he enlighten the disciples? What two things did he say about the Christ? What is a good prayer for every student of God's Word? Psa. 119. 18.
2. *The Commission Given*, vers. 47-49. What was to be preached in Jesus' name? Where was this Gospel to be preached? Of what were the disciples witnesses? What did Jesus say he would send to them? What promise is here meant? See Joel 2. 28. How long were they to stay in Jerusalem? When was this gift of power received? See Acts 2. 1-4.
3. *The Ascension*, vers. 50-53. Where did the disciples go with Jesus? What did he there do? Where did he then go? What did the disciples do? How were they engaged after their return? What promise had they as to Jesus' return? (Golden Text.)

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. What three collections of sacred writings did Jesus say his life and death and resurrection had fulfilled? "Moses, the prophets, and the psalms." 2. What did Christ say of his followers? "Ye are witnesses." 3. Near to what town did he lead them? "Bethany." 4. What there occurred? "He blessed them, and was carried up into heaven." 5. How did the disciples act? "They worshipped him." 6. How did they feel? "They were filled with joy."

EXPLANATIONS.

These are the words—The events of my death and resurrection agree with what I foretold. Law . . . prophets . . . psalms—The ordinary threefold division of the Scriptures made by the Jews. Opened he their understanding—Gave them enlarged spiritual apprehension. Said unto them—Here follows a synopsis of a later conversation, pursuing the same general subject. Behoved—Was appropriate. All nations—The Gospel was to be preached to the ends of the earth. Beginning at Jerusalem—With the pentecostal blessing. Ye are witnesses—Precisely for this purpose these eleven men had been called. I send the promise—The Comforter was to come. Tarry ye—Sit still till God comes your way. Endued—Wrapped around as with a garment. And he led—Luke here takes no note of time. From Acts we learn that this event occurred the fortieth day after the resurrection, and ten days before the descent of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost. As far as is—Up to the margin of. Parted—Stood apart, and was gradually borne upward. Great joy—All their doubts and fears vanished.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The Gospel for the world.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

13. What does the Spirit perform for the Church? He calls and qualifies men, from time to time, to preach the Word and administer the

sacraments; makes their preaching effectual to the conversion of sinners and the edification of believers; and is present as the representative of the Lord Jesus in all ordinations of public worship.

FOURTH QUARTERLY REVIEW.

December 28.

REVIEW SCHEME.

I.—Recall the Titles and the Golden Texts of the lessons of the quarter by the aid of the following hints:—

1. P. of the V. He is despised—
2. The L. S. As often as ye eat—
3. The S. of T. S. Let this mind—
4. J. in G. A man of sorrows—
5. J. A. He was wounded—
6. J. bef. P. and H. Then said Pilate—
7. J. C. For the transgression—
8. J. C. The Lord hath laid—
9. J. R. Now is Christ risen—
10. The W. to E. Ought not Christ—
11. J. M. K. And their eyes—
12. J. P. W. If I go and prepare—

II. Recall the main facts in each lesson:

1. The servants—the Son—the sure punishment.
2. An old feast observed—a new feast ordained.
3. Strife—rebuke—instruction—warning.
4. Prayer—suffering—betrayal—mercy.
5. Denial—mockery—condemnation.
6. False witness—just judgment—cruel mockery.
7. "No fault"—"crucify"—sentenced.
8. Crucified—nailed at—dead—"the Son of God."
9. An empty tomb—"a vision of angels"—"the Lord is risen."
10. A sorrowful journey—the Scriptures opened.
11. A glad surprise—warm hearts—good news.
12. Witnesses appointed—power promised—heaven opened.

III. Recall some teaching from each lesson:

1. How to treat God's messengers.
2. Why we should observe the Lord's Supper.
3. How we can best serve Christ.
4. Why we should pray.
5. The sin of denying Christ.
6. The power of prejudice.
7. The wickedness of lying.
8. As to who alone can save sinners.
9. How much we may trust God's promises.
10. About the study of God's Word.
11. About the reality of the resurrection.
12. About the duty of witnessing for Christ.

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