

Lesson XII.

* THE RESURRECTION

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BETWEEN THE LESSONS—Ch. 27 : 51-66 tells of the rending of the temple veil ; the earthquake which opened graves about Jerusalem, so that many of the dead came forth ; the centurion's conviction that Jesus must be the Son of God ; the burial of Jesus' body in the new sepulchre of Joseph of Arimathea ; the sealing of the stone closing the sepulchre ; and the setting of a guard of Roman soldiers.

GOLDEN TEXT—Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.—Matthew 28 : 20.

Memorize vs. 5, 6. THE LESSON PASSAGE—Matthew 28 : 1-10, 19, 20. Study Matthew 28 : 1-20.

1 ¹ In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary² Magdalene and the other Mary³ to see the sepulchre.

2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake : for ² the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled ³ back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

3 His ⁴ countenance was ⁵ like lightning, and his raiment white as snow :

4 And for fear of him the ⁶ keepers did ⁷ shake, and became as dead men.

5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye : for I know that ye seek Jesus, which ⁸ was crucified.

6 He is not here : for he is risen, ⁹ as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples ¹⁰ that he is risen from the dead ; and, ¹¹ behold, he goeth before

Revised Version—¹ Now late on the sabbath day ; ² an angel ; ³ away the stone ; ⁴ appearance ; ⁵ as lightning ; ⁶ watchers ; ⁷ quake ; ⁸ hath been ; ⁹ even ; ¹⁰ He ; ¹¹ lo, he ; ¹² tomb ; ¹³ ran ; ¹⁴ Omit seven words ; ¹⁵ took hold of his feet ; ¹⁶ saith ; ¹⁷ Fear not ; ¹⁸ depart ; ¹⁹ make disciples of all the nations ; ²⁰ into ; ²¹ Omit have ; ²² Omit Amen.

Daily Readings—(Courtesy, I.B.R.A.)—M.—The resurrection, Matt. 28 : 1-20. T.—The empty tomb, John 20 : 1-10. W.—Glad hearts, John 20 : 11-20. Th.—Paul's declaration, Acts 13 : 26-37. F.—Seen by many, 1 Cor. 15 : 1-11. S.—Fruit of the resurrection, 1 Cor. 15 : 12-26. S.—Alive for evermore, Rev. 1 : 9-18.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

I. THE EMPTY GRAVE.—1, 2. End of the sabbath ; the Jewish Sabbath, our Saturday. Jesus had died and been buried on the Friday evening before. Began to dawn ; between night and sunrise. First day of the week ; our Sunday. Mary Magdalene ; that is, of Magdala, a town half way down the western shore of the Sea of Galilee. Out of this woman Jesus had cast seven evil spirits, Luke 8 : 2. The other Mary ; the mother of James (ch. 27 : 56), that is, the apostle called James the Less (Mark 15 : 40) to distinguish him from James the son of Zebedee, John's brother. To see the sepulchre ; impelled by their love to Jesus and their sorrow over His death. A great earthquake ; before the coming of the women. An angel of the Lord (Rev. Ver.) ; in human form. Rolled back the stone.

See Geography Lesson. The women had been wondering who would do this for them, Mark 16 : 3.

3-5. Countenance was like lightning. ; It was so intensely bright. Raiment (clothing) white as snow ; and thus befitting his pure nature. For fear of him ; dreading His power. The keepers ; the Roman soldiers appointed to guard the grave,

you into Galilee ; there shall ye see him : lo, I have told you.

8 And they departed quickly from the ¹² sepulchre with fear and great joy ; and ¹³ did run to bring his disciples word.

9 And ¹⁴ as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and ¹⁵ held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

10 Then ¹⁶ said Jesus unto them, ¹⁷ Be not afraid ; go tell my brethren that they ¹⁸ go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

19 Go ye therefore, and ¹⁹ teach all nations, baptizing them ²⁰ in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost :

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I ²¹ have commanded you ; and, lo, I am with you alway, ²² even unto the end of the world. ²² A'men.

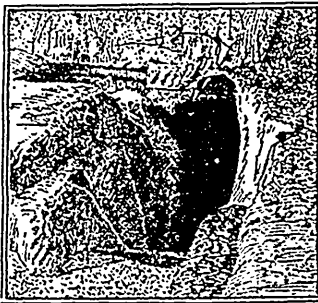
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ch. 27 : 62-66. Became as dead men ; stupefied and helpless. Answered . . unto the women ; answered the fears that were in their hearts though not on their lips. Fear not ye. You have nothing to dread, like those prostrate

watchers. Ye seek Jesus ; out of love to Him, and those who love Jesus need fear no harm from heaven. Was crucified ; and therefore is known as the Lamb slain, Rev. 5 : 6, 7 : 9.

6-8. He is not here ; pointing to the empty grave. He is risen ; the Conqueror of death. As he said ; a reminder of the promise in ch. 26 : 32. Come, see the place ; that they might be sure that Jesus had risen. Where the Lord lay ; but only till the hour came to put forth His mighty power and come out of the rock-closed, soldier-guarded tomb. Go quickly. There must be no

loitering in the service of Jesus. Tell his disciples ; to comfort their sorrowful hearts. Goeth before you ; leadeth you like a shepherd. See him. Over five hundred of His disciples were to see Him at this time, 1 Cor. 15 : 6. Departed quickly ; as we should be in haste to tell the Heathen world of the risen Saviour. Great joy ; because of their wonder-



SEPULCHRE CLOSED BY ROLLING STONE

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