

messengers not to be afraid even if their enemies brought them before the rulers of the synagogue or before the judges. The Holy Spirit would tell them what to say.

After Jesus rose from the grave, he showed himself to his disciples many times during the forty days he stayed on earth. He wanted them to be very sure that he was indeed alive again. He told them many things in those few last days. One day he was having supper with them. He told them that they must stay in Jerusalem after he went up to heaven, and wait till God would send the Holy Spirit to them, as he had promised.

These messengers of Jesus were anxious to know when he was going to come again to reign over the world as king, but he told them that was something that they could not know, for only God himself knew when that time would be. He told them that the Holy Spirit would give them power to speak to people about him and to take his message to all parts of the earth. They were to begin in Jerusalem where they were, and then they were to tell his message to people in the country around about and in the very farthest away places of the earth.

Soon after this, Jesus led his disciples out from Jerusalem to the beautiful Mount of Olives. Suddenly, while he was speaking to them, he was taken up, till a bright cloud hid him from their sight. They stood gazing into the sky, wondering, frightened, not knowing what to do. Two men in white,—they were angel messengers from heaven—came to them and said: "This same Jesus, which is taken from you into heaven, shall come just as you have seen him go."

Jesus wants you to speak about him to those near you and perhaps some day you may be a messenger to people in far parts of the earth.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did Jesus encourage his apostles to be brave in speaking for him? 2. Whom only should they fear? 3. How could they be sure that God cares for them? 4. What will Jesus do for those who are not afraid to say they are his friends? 5. Who would tell his messengers what to say if they were brought before the synagogue or the judges?

6. How long did Jesus stay on earth after he rose from the grave? 7. Where do we see him in our story to-day? 8. What is he telling the disciples? 9. What did they ask him? 10. When will Jesus come to reign over the world? 11. What would the Holy Spirit give them power to do? 12. Where are his messengers to begin to speak for him? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Stand up! stand up for Jesus!

Ye soldiers of the cross;

Lift high His royal banner,

It must not suffer loss;

From victory unto victory

His army He shall lead,

Till every foe is vanquished

And Christ is Lord indeed. Amen.

—Hymn 256, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—110. When Jesus Christ was about to leave the world, how did he ask to be remembered? Jesus appointed the Lord's Supper, and said, "This do in remembrance of me."

The Question on Missions

8. What kind of clothes do they wear in Honan? Men and women, boys and girls, all wear trousers, and they tie them in with garters at the ankle. Little babies from their birth wear combination trousers from feet to neck. The clothes are of cotton, usually either white or blue, but children often wear bright colors.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

You should always stand up for Jesus.
Learn this verse by heart.

"I'm not ashamed to own my Lord
Nor to defend his cause,
Maintain the glory of his name
And honor all his laws."

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD BE BRAVE FOR JESUS