

the scholars appreciate the insincere tone of flattery which the questioners adopt. In spite of it, of course, they were really speaking the truth. What shows that Jesus sees through their flattery? (Compare v. 18.) Emphasize the teaching, that we ought always to be sincere in what we say. Do we sometimes say things to God in prayer which we do not really mean? Ask for the question which was put to Jesus. If Jesus said it was lawful to pay tribute, whom would He offend? Many of the Jews who had hard feelings toward the Roman government. If He said it was unlawful to pay tribute, He would get into trouble with the Roman authorities.

3. *The answer*, vs. 18-22. What does Jesus ask for first of all? What was engraved on

the penny? What, then, is His answer to their question? Bring out the fact that the people were constantly accepting benefits from the Roman government. On the whole, Rome was giving them a secure government. Jesus suggests that they should be willing to pay for these benefits by their taxes. Say something to the class about their duty as coming citizens of their own country. As Canadians, we have many privileges. Ask for some of these. But we have also certain duties. Ask for some of these. There are greater privileges, however, which God gives us. What are some of these? Press home the lesson that we ought to be willing to show our gratitude to God by doing the duties which He demands of us.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON

[SEE SKETCH MAP, LESSON V.]

Consult once more the Jerusalem map on page 370 and notice where the point of a V rests near the southern limits of the temple area with the V's arms reaching north. The number 33 is connected with the V to identify it. Let us stand on the roof of a building at the V's point, and look northward. The ground down in front of us is covered with people, chiefly men,—some moving about, others standing to watch the passing throng. Most of the crowd are clad in long robes, their heads crowned by voluminous turbans. It is a Moslem festival. The people we see are nearly all followers of Mohammed; but they are holding their celebration on the very ground where Hebrews used to worship. Where that comparatively modern building with the dome stands, people used to see smoke rising from the altar of burnt-offerings;

the sanctuary was a bit farther to the west (left). The stone staircase is modern. The relative levels of the ground where the cypresses grow and the ground where that building stands may not be just the same as they were nineteen centuries ago, but we can see for ourselves that it is still necessary to go up higher as one draws nearer to the holiest parts of the temple grounds. During our master's last long day of public teaching this same ground must have been thronged by other men in robes and turbans, looking much like these Moslems. The space where the cypresses grow was probably part of the old-time Court of the Gentiles, where the question about tribute-paying would likely be asked.

Use a stereograph entitled, *Pilgrims in the Temple Area*; North From El Aksa to the Dome of the Rock.

ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under various headings.

Lesson Points

Enmity to Jesus will drive men to use unfair and unworthy tactics. v. 15.

Some people will unite in an evil cause who will not unite in a good one. v. 16.

There are times when evil men unconsciously speak the truth. v. 16.

It is easier to ask clever questions than to

answer them. v. 17.

Jesus is deceived neither by flattery nor by a show of sincerity. v. 18.

Jesus was a good teacher; He knew how to use eye gate. vs. 19, 20.

If we are true citizens of heaven, we will be good citizens of earth. v. 21.

We owe God more than we owe any earthly ruler. v. 21.

Men may marvel at Jesus, and yet turn away from Him. v. 22.