

test. **A cave and a stone upon it,** "set against it" (Rev. Ver.) Tombs were hewn out of the rock, and a stone placed against the mouth, to prevent wild animals from entering.

39. Take ye away—A most unexpected command. **Martha said.** The Jews buried the day of death. Martha thought that Jesus merely wished to have a last look at one He loved, but she did not wish him exposed.

40. Said I not? Probably to the messengers (verse 3). **If thou wouldst believe.** The glory of God is revealed only to faith (John 14: 21, 22).

41. Father, I thank thee. Jesus likely refers to His prayer when He heard of the sickness (vs. 4-6).

42, 43. Because of the people. He wants them to see plainly that He had come from God. **A loud voice.** Death is mighty, but Christ is mightier (ch. 5: 28, 29). Their faith and hope needed to be aroused.

45. Many believed. This was one of the purposes of the miracle, "Lazarus walked as a perpetual sermon before the people." Peloubet.

ASK YOURSELF

Where did Lazarus and his sisters live? How near to Jerusalem? Why did Martha and Mary now speak for Jesus? (John 11: 1-3.) How long did He wait before coming? (v. 6.)

Juniors

32. Why did Mary come where Jesus was (v. 28)? What did she say to Him? What did she mean by it?

33. Why was Jesus troubled?

34, 35. Why the question? What did they reply? Why did Jesus weep?

37. What miracle had been performed shortly before this? (ch. 9, 1-11.)

38, 39. What was the grave like? How was it closed? How soon after death was it the custom at that time to bury?

40. When had Jesus said this? What must we do to receive blessing from God?

42, 43. Why does Jesus now speak to God? Which is the stronger, Christ or death?

45. What was the effect of the miracle on those who saw it?

Seniors

32-40. Where was Jesus when Lazarus was taken sick? What was the first thought of his sisters? Why did Jesus delay coming? Why does Mary fall at Jesus' feet? Explain why Jesus was so sorrowful? Why did Jesus give the command, "Take ye away the stone"? What was Martha's thought?

43, 44. In what different ways is death described in the Scriptures? (John 11: 11; 2 Cor. 5: 1; Luke 12: 20; Ps. 104: 29.) How has death been conquered? (Rom. 6: 9; Rev. 1: 18.) How abolished? (2 Tim. 1: 10.) How are we delivered from the fear of death? (Heb. 2: 14, 15.)

45. What was the effect of the miracle? How was it that the miracle led these people to believe?

PRACTICAL

1. This same Jesus is still the best friend in trouble.

2. Don't linger when He calls you to come. He has always something good to give you.

3. There is no shame in the tears of sympathy.

4. What a door faith opens—"to see the glory of God."

5. A good son always honors his father.

6. Jesus is the great life giver (see Golden Text and Eph. 2: 1), and the great deliverer (Gal. 5: 1).

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Describe in a few words an ancient sepulchre.

2. Why should we go to Jesus in our troubles?

3. What object did the miracle serve?