

SABBATH, Dec. 21st.—**LESSON XII.—The Resurrection.**—Matt. xxviii. 1-8.

Leader. 1. In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. Mark xvi. 1; Luke xxiv. 1; J-hii xx. 1.

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

L. 3. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: (Dan. x. 6.)

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

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

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

L. 7. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. Matt. xxvi. 32.

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

TOPIC—Eternal life through our risen Redeemer.

Golden Text—But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.—1 Cor. xv. 20.

Home Readings.	
M.	Matt. xxviii. 1-8.
Tu.	1 Pet. i. 1-11.
W.	Joh. v. 17-32.
Th.	1 Cor. xv. 42-53.
F.	2 Cor. xii. 1-17.
S.	Psa. xvi.
S.	Rev. xiv. 1-14.

LESSON SCHEME.**BIBLE SEARCHINGS.**

Luke xxiv. 1.	1 Thess. iv. 13, 14.	Joh. ii. 19.
Rev. i. 10.	Luke xxiv. 6-8.	Rom. i. 4.
Acts xii. 6, 7.	Acts xx. 7.	1 Cor. xv. 45.
Joh. xi. 25.	Matt. xxvii. 51.*	Rev. i. 18.
Eph. iv. 9.		

OUTLINE:

- I. THE LORD'S DAY MORNING, v. 1;
- II. THE OPENED SEPULCHRE, v. 2;
- III. THE ANGEL SENTINEL, v. 2-5;
- IV. JESUS VICTORIOUS OVER DEATH, v. 6;
- V. THE DISCIPLES' MESSAGE OF JOY AND TRIUMPH, v. 7, 8.

Recite *Title, Topic, Golden Text, Selected Verses,* and *Outline.*

1. How long had Jesus been buried?
On what day of the week did the women seek the sepulchre? v. 1.
What was their errand there? [Mark xvi. 1]
In what way do Christians mark this day?
2. How did the two Marys expect to enter the sepulchre? [Mark xvi. 3]
What had happened just before they came? v. 2.
Who had rolled the stone away?
Who placed the stone there? [Matt. xxvii. 50, 60.]
What had been done to secure its being undisturbed? [Matt. xxvii. 64-66.]
3. What became of the Roman guard? v. 4.
Who became guard over the empty tomb? v. 2.
What was his appearance? v. 3.
4. What words of comfort did the angel give the sorrowing women? v. 5.
What did he say concerning Jesus?
Did Jesus foretell his resurrection? [Matt. xvi. 21; xvii. 23; xx. 19.]

What did the resurrection of Christ prove?
What did Jesus say of himself in Joh. x. 17, 18?
Of what is the resurrection of Jesus the token? [1 Cor. xv. 22.]

5. What joyous message did the angel send to the disciples? v. 7.
Where should they meet Jesus?
Had Jesus promised this before his death? [Matt. xxvi. 32.]

Where in this lesson are we taught—

1. That man's plottings against the divine purpose are vain and useless?
2. That death, the most dreaded event, is no more to be dreaded?
3. That Jesus remembers his disciples in their sorrow and grief?
4. That the resurrection of Jesus brings joy to the believer?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.**39. Can they do what they please?**

The fallen angels cannot do what they please; for God controls their power, and will save from their malice and subtlety all those who put their trust in him.

James iv. 7. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
Luke xxii. 31, 32. Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat; but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not.

Romans xvi. 20. The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet.

40. Are all wicked people, then, under the power of Satan?

All wicked people are under the power of Satan; for he leads them "captivè at his will." (2 Timothy ii. 26.)