

Lesson XII.

CHRIST RISEN

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Matt. 28 : 1-15. Compare Mark ch. 16 ; Luke ch. 24—Memory Verses, 9, 10.

Golden Text—Now is Christ risen from the dead.—1 Cor. 15 : 20.

1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdale'ne and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

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.

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

4 And for fear of him the keepers did 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 Je'sus, which was crucified.

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

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

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

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

10 Then said Je'sus unto them, Be not afraid : go tell my brethren that they go into Gal'ilee, and there shall they see me.

11 Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.

12 And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers,

13 Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him *away* while we slept.

14 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.

15 So they took the money, and did as they were taught : and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

THE LESSON RETOLD

As soon as it was certain that Jesus was dead, a good man named Joseph went to Pilate and begged for the body of Jesus, and taking it down from the cross, he laid it lovingly away in a new grave in his own garden. This grave was hollowed out of a great rock, the opening to which was closed with a large, round, heavy stone. The Jews now went to Pilate and persuaded him to send a guard of soldiers to keep watch in Joseph's garden, to see that no one took the body of Jesus away.

All Friday night, all day Saturday, which was the Jewish Sabbath, and all Saturday night, the body of Jesus lay in the grave. Early in the morning of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary

came to the garden, intending to lay sweet spices beside the body of their beloved Master. As they drew near the grave, they began to wonder who should help them roll away the stone.

But what was their astonishment to see that the stone was already rolled away, and upon it was sitting an angel, whose face gleamed like lightning, and his garments shone white as snow. At the sight of the angel the soldiers fell down in a faint, but to the women the heavenly messenger now spoke kindly, saying, "Fear not ye ; for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here ; He is risen as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell His disciples that