

## Practical Teachings.

1. Love counts no gift too precious for an earthly friend. Why should it deny any thing—time, talents, means, or life—to such a friend as Jesus?
2. He was a guest in Bethany with a few friends. He has promised to be my guest forever if I will. Rev. 3. 20.
3. Jesus disappointed their sinful earthly expectation. But he never disappoints the poor sinner who turns to him in penitence.

## QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

1. The Guest, v. 1-3.
  - When did Jesus come again to Bethany?
  - What miracle had been wrought there?
  - At whose house was he a guest?
  - Who sat at table with Jesus?
  - What place did Martha take?
  - How did Mary honor the guest?
  - Who found fault with her?
  - What objection did he urge?
  - Why did he object?
  - What was the rebuke of Jesus?
  - Why was her service approved?
  - What brought many guests to the feast?
2. The King, v. 10-16.
  - Who plotted for the death of Lazarus?
  - Who had heard of the coming of Jesus?
  - What preparations had they made to honor him?
  - How did they greet him?
  - On what did Jesus ride?
  - Who had foretold this? Zechar. 9. 9.
  - Who were puzzled by these events?
  - When did they see their meaning?

## Teachings of the Lesson.

- Where, in this lesson, are we taught—
1. That love finds no service costly?
  2. That loving service is pleasing to Jesus?
  3. That an evil heart always finds an evil motive in others?

## QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

- Who made a feast for Jesus in Bethany? His friends.  
 Who served at the feast? Martha.  
 Who sat at the table and ate with Jesus? Lazarus.  
 What did Mary do? She anointed the feet of Jesus with spikenard.  
 What was spikenard? A sweet and costly perfume.  
 Why did Mary do this? Because she loved Jesus.  
 What will we do if we love Jesus? Give him the best that we have.  
 Who found fault with Mary? Judas, who afterward betrayed Jesus.  
 What did he say she ought to have done? Sold the perfume, and given the money to the poor.  
 What did Jesus say? Do not find fault with her, she has anointed me for my burial.  
 Why did he speak of his burial? He knew that in a week he would be lying in his grave.  
 Where did Christ go the next day? To Jerusalem.  
 How did he go? Riding on the colt of an ass.  
 Who came to meet him? A great multitude of people.  
 What did they strew in his way? Branches of palm-trees.  
 What did they shout? (Repeat the Golden Text.)  
 When did the disciples understand all these things? When the Holy Spirit came and opened their eyes and hearts to the truth.

## Words with Little People.

- Can you not sing a happy song and praise Jesus, too?  
 The birds are singing; the woods, the fields of waving grain, the lakes, the mountains, and the sea to "his throne their tribute bring."  
 Hark! I can almost hear you singing,  
 "We thy children join the chorus,  
 Merrily, cheerily, gladly praise thee.  
 Glad hosannas joyfully we bring to thee."

## THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. Where did Jesus go soon after the raising of Lazarus? To the land beyond Jordan.
2. When did he come again to Bethany? Six days before the pass-over.
3. What did they there do to honor Jesus? They made him a supper.
4. With what did Mary, the sister of Lazarus, anoint the feet of Jesus? With costly ointment.
5. Where did Jesus go on the day following? To Jerusalem.
6. With what hours did the people come out to meet Jesus? "Hosanna," etc.

## TEXTS AT CHURCH.

Morning Text.....

Evening Text.....

## ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.

## Our Gifts to the King.

## I. OUR INVITATION.

- There they made him a supper. v. 2.  
 "Came down, and received him joyfully." Luke 19. 6.  
 "Will sup with him, and he with me." Rev. 3. 20.

## II. OUR SERVICE.

- And Martha served. v. 2.  
 "Your work and labor of love." Heb. 6. 10.  
 "Zealous of good works." Titus 2. 14.

## III. OUR SELF-SACRIFICE.

- A pound of ointment....very costly. v. 3.  
 "She hath done what she could." Mark 14. 8.  
 "Be told for a memorial." Matt. 26. 13.

## IV. OUR FIDELITY.

- He was a thief, and had the bag. v. 6.  
 "Who then is a faithful....servant?" Matt. 24. 45.  
 "Required in stewards....found faithful." 1 Cor. 4. 2.

## V. OUR INFLUENCE.

- By reason of him many....believed. v. 11.  
 "Beholding the man....could say nothing." Acts 4. 14.

- "Took knowledge....been with Jesus." Acts 4. 13.

## VI. OUR PRAISES.

- Blessed is the king of Israel. v. 13.  
 "Blessing....unto the Lamb." Rev. 5. 13.  
 "Unto him be glory in the Church." Eph. 3. 20.

## THOUGHTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

1. Let us remember that we have a Saviour who could enter into the innocent pleasures of life, and sit down with his friends at a supper. Religion was never intended to rob life of its joys. v. 1, 2.
2. Let us not count the cost of our gifts to Jesus. The motive is what Christ honors in our offering, whether it be large or small. v. 3-5.
3. Each one may honor Jesus in his own way; Martha by her service, Mary by her present. But Christ sees the heart of each follower. v. 5-7.
4. Our offerings to Jesus may have a deeper meaning and a greater result than we ourselves know. A dying little girl gave her little "bank," with less than ten dollars in it, "to build a church for poor people." Her act inspired others, and the church was built. v. 7.
5. Let us remember that we have always the poor with us; the honest, needy ones, upon whom we can bestow our gifts. "Remember the poor" has ever been one of the mottoes of the Church. v. 8.
6. Sometimes curiosity draws men to faith. Many a careless hearer, who has come to Church out of curiosity, has been awakened and become a believer. v. 9-11.
7. We should never be ashamed to confess Christ as our King, and ourselves as his followers. Before all the world let us own him. v. 12, 13.
8. We shall see, as we study the Scriptures, how Christ fulfills the word! Then let us seek for Christ in the Old Testament, which is "the earlier Gospel." v. 14-16.