

"The men whom you put in prison are standing preaching in the temple". Then the officers went and brought the apostles before the rulers, yet without doing them any hurt, lest they should anger the people. And the high priest asked the apostles, "Did we not command you to speak no more about Jesus? And yet you still go on teaching His doctrine, till the whole city has heard it!"

Then Peter and the other apostles answered, "We ought to obey God rather than men. That same Jesus whom ye slew on the cross, God has raised up again as a Saviour, to give His people new and penitent hearts and forgiveness of their sins; and we, His apostles, are sent to tell you these things, which we have learned of Him." So the rulers, seeing how determined the apostles were, and fearing the people, allowed them to go, after cruelly beating them.

For one of their number, a learned man, who was much thought of, had said, "If what these men teach be not true, it will soon come to nothing; but if God has really sent them to preach to the people, you cannot stop them, and if you try to do so, you will be fighting against God".

And the apostles went out from before the rulers, glad that they had been permitted to suffer for the sake of Jesus. And every day they kept on preaching the gospel, both in the temple and in every house into which they went.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What power had God given to the apostles?
2. Who came to be healed?
3. Who were angry when they heard this?
4. What did they do to the apostles?
5. Whom did God send to deliver them?
6. What did the angel command the apostles to do?
7. Did the apostles obey?
8. Who were called together next morning?
9. Whither did these send their officers?
10. What report did the officers bring back?
11. What news did another messenger bring?
12. Before whom were the apostles then brought?
13. What did the high priest say to the apostles?
14. What did they answer?
15. What did they do when they were set free?
16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

The Son of God goes forth to war,
A kingly crown to gain;
His blood-red banner streams afar:
Who follows in His train?
Who best can drink His cup of woe,
Triumphant over pain,
Who patient bears His cross below,—
He follows in His train. Amen.

—Hymn 250, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—13. **What book tells us about God?** The Bible tells us about God. 14. **What more does the Bible teach us?** The Bible teaches us how God wishes us to live.

SHORTER CATECHISM—7. **What are the decrees of God?** A. The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

The Question on Missions

7. What is done for sick children in our mission hospitals? Very many are cured of malarial fever, others of abscesses, ulcers, and other painful sores. Some are cured of hip-joint disease, or disease of the spine, and many more, of loathsome skin diseases.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The enemies of Peter and John shut them up in the prison, but Jesus sent His angel to



open the prison doors. And He will always send help to His friends when they are in need. *Color the picture.*

I Have Learned To-day
THAT JESUS WILL MAKE ME BRAVE