

HOME READINGS.

M. John 11. 1-22. T. Rom. 5.
 T. John 11. 22-46. F. 1 Cor. 15. 41-58.
 W. Gen. 23. 7-20. S. 1 Thess. 4. 13-18.
 Sabbath. Rev. 20.

TOPIC: *Redeemed from death by the Lord our Life.*

GOLDEN TEXT: *I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. Hosea 13. 14.*

OUTLINE: 1. *Jesus the Friend*, v. 34-40.
 2. *Jesus the Son*, v. 41, 42.
 3. *Jesus the Life*, v. 43, 44.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

The discourse of Jesus, which formed our last lesson, and others which followed, excited the rage of his enemies, and he therefore left Jerusalem, and went away to the east of Jordan, John 10. 39, 40. His ministry in this section seems to have been quite successful. John 10. 41, 42. While Jesus was here at work Lazarus fell dangerously sick at Bethany, near Jerusalem. His sisters, Martha and Mary, thereupon sent word to Jesus, doubting whether he could and would come and heal their brother. John 11. 1-4, 21, 32. Jesus knew that this sickness was "for the glory of God," and therefore, though he loved all this family, yet he tarried two days where he was, and then started again for Judea, v. 5-7. On the way he disclosed the fact that Lazarus was dead. v. 11-16. Reaching the place, they found he had been dead four days. The events preceding our lesson are sketched in v. 17-33. The TITLE is borrowed from Christ's own lips, for in v. 25 he claims to be "The Resurrection and the Life." He, being such, we need not wonder at his lordly words presented in the GOLDEN TEXT: "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death." Nor need we wonder at our TOPIC: *Redeemed from Death by the Lord our Life.* The DOCTRINE which the whole matter suggests is, *The Resurrection of the Dead.* The OUTLINE presents our Lord in three very attractive characters: 1. JESUS THE FRIEND; 2. JESUS THE SON; 3. JESUS THE LIFE. May we know him better in all these relations!

LESSON HYMN.—Tune "Nuremberg."—7's.

Christ, the Lord, is risen to-day,
 Our triumphant holy-day:
 He endured the cross and grave,
 Sinners to redeem and save,

Lo! he rises, mighty King!
 Where, O Death! is now thy sting?
 Lo! he claims his native sky!
 Grave! where is thy victory?

QUESTIONS:

Recite TITLE, TOPIC, GOLDEN TEXT and OUTLINE. Jesus was at Bethany when he was called to Bethany, where Lazarus died. Point out these places on the map, tell their distance apart, and show the route Jesus probably took. Give your idea of the grave where Lazarus was buried.

1. *Jesus the Friend*, v. 34, 40.

What is meant by "friend?"

What words of Jesus, and what acts of his, named in these verses, show that he was really a friend?

Look through this narrative from v. 1. and find other words and acts which show his friendship.

What words of the people show their opinion of his friendship?

How has Jesus proved himself a friend to each of us? [Recite John 15. 13.]

2. *Jesus the Son*, v. 41, 42.

Whose son did Jesus in these verses claim to be?

For whose sake did he speak to his Father?

What did he wish them to believe?

What does this show of his friendship to men?

3. *Jesus the Life*, v. 43, 44.

What had Jesus called himself in v. 25?

See TITLE, TOPIC and GOLDEN TEXT.

Of what had Jesus assured Martha in v. 23, 40?

How long had Lazarus been dead? v. 17, 39.

Why may we be quite certain that he was dead?

What had been said and done about "the stone?"

Why did Jesus have them roll away the stone? How did Jesus then prove that he was "the life?"

How could he "come forth" when so bound up?

What did Jesus command them to do with Lazarus?

How is Jesus "the life" for our dead souls? See John 5. 24.