

What was the prophecy that Jesus made? ver. 2.  
Was it ever fulfilled?  
Does it show any thing concerning his character?

## 2. Warning.

What was the effect of this prophecy upon the disciples?

Why did only these four ask the question of ver. 4?

Did Jesus answer them as they desired?

What were the warnings which Jesus gave?

What historic evidence can you find that these warnings were well founded?

Mention some of the historic occurrences which fulfilled the prophecy of these warnings.

## 3. Advice.

How soon was action on the advice of Jesus needed?

What ones of the disciples were brought before councils and tried?

What one of the apostles was brought before kings?

What ones, if any, were scourged?

Does the advice of Jesus in ver. 11 mean that men should preach or teach without preparation?

What preparation had these men already had for their work?

What great need of the Church to-day is pointed out in ver. 11?

## Practical Teachings.

Earthly insignificance is here taught. The great stones of the arch of the bridge from David's palace to the royal porch have crumbled and fallen. Christ's word stands stronger in this century than in any previous one.

Many false Christs and false religions have arisen, and will. Many have been deceived. But God is not deceived. As you sow, so will you reap.

How hard human life is to bear! See the picture in vers. 12 and 13. But there is salvation for fidelity. For God is stronger than all sin.

"For right is right, since God is God, And right the day must win."

## Hints for Home Study.

1. Read very carefully the first fourteen verses of the 24th chapter of Matthew.

2. This lesson should be studied with an historical commentary, to see how much of this prophecy was fulfilled.

3. Read such parts of Josephus as bear on the story; or any good history of the Jews under Claudius, Caligula, Nero, Vespasian, and Titus.

4. From the Acts of the Apostles find all mention of persecutions and sufferings endured by Peter, James, and John.

5. Read Paul's own account of his sufferings in 2 Cor. 11. 21-28.

## QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

1. Prophecy, vs. 1, 2.

Who uttered the prophecy in ver. 2?

From what building was Jesus going?

What did a disciple say to him?

What was Jesus's reply?

What was greater than the temple? (Golden Text.)

2. Warning, vs. 3-8.

Where did Jesus go from the temple?

What disciples came to question him?

What two questions did they ask?

What warning did Jesus give against deception?

What reason did he give for this warning?

What was his warning against being troubled?

What troubles would mark the beginning of sorrows?

3. Advice, vs. 9-13.

To what did Jesus bid the disciples take heed?

What troubles did he say would come on them?

Where must the Gospel be preached before the end comes?

What advice did he give about their defense before enemies?

Who would teach them what to say?

From what source did Jesus predict betrayal and death?

On whose account would they be hated?

Who only would be saved?

To whom does Jesus promise a crown? Rev. 2. 10.

## Teachings of the Lesson.

What is there in this lesson which teaches—

1. That God's word is sure of fulfillment?

2. That God's service requires courage?

3. That God's true servants are sure of reward?

## Home Work for Young Bereans.

Learn where and how the prophecy in ver. 2 was fulfilled.

Learn when and to which of the disciples the trials of verse 9 came.

Find which of the disciples came to a violent death.

## QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

Who went out of the temple with Jesus? His disciples.

What did they ask him to look at? The beautiful buildings of the temple.

What did Jesus tell them? That the temple should be destroyed.

When did this really happen? About forty years.

Where did Jesus go and sit? On the Mount of Olives.

Who began to ask questions of Jesus? The disciples.

What did they want to know? When the temple should be destroyed.

What did they ask Jesus to give them? A sign of his coming.

Does any man know when Jesus will come? No; only God knows.

Against whom did Jesus warn the disciples? Against deceivers.

What did he say there would be? Great wars.

What other troubles? Earthquakes and famine.

What did Jesus say would come to the disciples? Sorrows and persecution.

What comfort did Jesus give? "Be ye not troubled."

What promise did he give? ver. 13.

What has made salvation possible? Jesus.

## Words with Little People.

Jesus is Coming!

Little child, if Jesus finds you with love in your heart, you will be glad to see him.

But if he should come and find you unloving, and careless of his words, how troubled you would be to see him!

## THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. What prophecy did Jesus make in this lesson? The destruction of the city.

2. What question did four disciples ask? When it should be.

3. What did Jesus say must first come? Wars, sorrows, earthquakes, famines.

4. How widely did he say the Gospel must first be published? Among all nations.

5. What previous utterance of Jesus is proven by these prophecies? "But I say unto you," etc.

## CATECHISM QUESTION.

10. How does the Lord teach us by His Spirit?

All the Scriptures were written under the Holy Spirit's inspiration: and He who inspired them will show their meaning to such as humbly ask Him.

## LESSONS FOR MAY, 1889.

MAY 5. The Command to Watch. Mark 13. 24-37.

MAY 12. The Anointing at Bethany. Mark 14. 1-9.

MAY 19. The Lord's Supper. Mark 14. 12-38.

MAY 26. Jesus Betrayed. Mark 14. 43-54.

## At Home.

... The American Sabbath Union is making laudable effort to have Congress pass a bill forbidding, in the nation's mail and military service, and in interstate commerce, and in the District of Columbia and the Territories, all Sunday traffic and work, except works of religion and works of real necessity and mercy, and such private work by those who observe another day as will neither interfere with the general rest nor with public worship. The success of this measure is devoutly to be wished.

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