

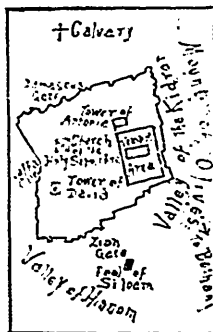
of the wandering life which He led.

59-62. Follow me. The second man was not a volunteer, but Jesus called him. First . . bury my father. This would not have taken much time since, in the East, burial takes place a few hours after death. Leave the dead, etc. (Rev. Ver.) a proverb meaning that in sorrowing for the dead we should not forget the living. Go thou and preach; the most important work in the world. I will follow thee; another volunteer. First . . bid . . farewell; a request showing that the man's heart was still in his old life and its enjoyments. Plough . . looking back. In such a case the furrow is sure to be crooked. Fit; "well placed." Jesus will have no lukewarm service.

III. MARY AND MARTHA.—Ch. 10 : 38-40. A certain village; Bethany, John 11:1, 18. (See Geography Lesson.) Martha; meaning "Lady" or "Mistress." Sister . . Mary; probably the younger. Sat at the Lord's feet (Rev. Ver.); the usual position of a pupil while being instructed by a Jewish teacher. Cumbered; drawn about in different directions, distracted. Dost thou not care . . ? Martha lost her temper so far as to blame Jesus for Mary's leaving her all the work of preparing a meal.

41, 42. **Martha, Martha**; spoken in a kind, gentle tone and likely with a smile. **Anxious** (Rev. Ver.); the same word as in ch. 12: 22. **Troubled**; in tumult or bustle. **One thing is needful**. Jesus did not desire an elaborate meal: one dish would be enough. Indeed there was something more important than preparing food for Him,—to listen to His teaching. This was the “one thing needful.” **Good part**; not that Martha’s part was bad. Jesus does not condemn Martha; He defends Mary.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



BETHANY stands on the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives, about a mile from Jerusalem. The small stone houses of the village are whitewashed, and, after the fashion of Eastern towns, are set rather closely together. The roofs are flat. Windows are few, usually small, and most of them have no glass. The road which passes through the village connects with the highway to Jericho. The village is surrounded by

olive orchards and farmers' fields. Local guides point out a ruined house at the edge of the village nearer to Jerusalem as the home of the sisters Mary and Martha and their brother Lazarus.

LESSON QUESTIONS

1 Whither did Jesus now go? Who worked along with Him?

2, 3 Who provided for the needs of Jesus and the Twelve? What had Jesus done for these women? Of what place was Mary Magdalene a native? How did the risen Jesus make Himself known to her? (John 20 : 16.)

Ch. 9 : 57, 58 Who volunteered to become a follower of Jesus? What did Jesus say to him? Find a saying of Jesus about counting the cost. (Ch. 14 : 28.)

59-62 What did a second man say when Jesus summoned him as a follower? What was Jesus' reply? What did this mean? What did another volunteer wish to do before beginning to follow Jesus? What prophet made a similar request? (1 Kgs. 19 : 20.)

Ch. 10 : 38-42 What two sisters did Jesus visit ?
What did Mary do for Him ? What did Martha do ?
What did Jesus reply when Martha found fault ?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Which helped Jesus more during His earthly ministry—men or women?

2. Does true religion make people indifferent to the things of this world?

A PRAYER

Teach us of Thee, Lord Jesus. We are so ignorant, so wrapped up in ourselves and our own concerns, so content to be weak when we might be strong. Be Thou our helper as we struggle with sin. Show us how to overcome. May we live to the praise of Thy glory and lead others to the Lamb of God by our lives, by our words and by our prayers. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That Jesus is our Master.
Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 82-84.

The Question on Missions—4. Does the field worker do anything else besides starting new Schools? Yes. He discovers Schools not reported, visits old ones and encourages teachers and officers in their work, helps to start Bible Classes, Cradle Halls and Teacher Training Classes and shows samples of our Lesson Helps, Illustrated Papers and other Sunday School Supplies.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: 80 (Supplemental Lesson), 252, 255, 94 (Ps. Sel.), 80 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 245.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Describe the three disciples mentioned in the second part of the Lesson.....
2. How did Mary and Martha respectively show their affection for Jesus?.....

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