

GOLDEN TEXT

John 12: 21: We would see Jesus.

DAILY READINGS

- M. —John 12: 20-33. Greeks seeking Jesus.
 T. —John 12: 31-41. Unbelief.
 W. —Eph. 2: 1-10. Evil cast out.
 Th. —Acts. 17: 1-12. Greeks believing.
 F. —Matt. 10: 34-42. True service.
 S. —John 17: 13-16. The reward of service.
 S. —Matt. 2: 1-12. Wise men seeking Jesus.

CATECHISM

Q. 59. Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly sabbath?

A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath, and the first day of the week, ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian sabbath.

TIME AND PLACE

Tuesday, April 4, A.D. 30. After spending the night at Bethany, Jesus returned to Jerusalem and the temple, where the Greeks seek Him.

LESSON PLAN

- I. The Greeks Seek Jesus, 20-22.
 Through Philip and Andrew, who tell their Master.
 II. Jesus Replies, 23-26.
 Speaking of His glory and the pathway of suffering.
 III. Appeals to the Father, 27-29.
 But submissively, to spare Him from this suffering.
 IV. Announces His End, 30-33.
 The Hour to be judged and Himself to die for men's salvation.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 72 (Ps. Sel.); 563; 59; 97; 556; 129.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—20-22 Where did the Greeks seek Jesus? Who were they? Why were they at Jerusalem? To whom did they come? Why to him? Why did they seek to see Jesus? What did Philip do? To what city did he and Andrew belong?

23-26 Whom did Jesus answer? What did He say? What name does He often apply to Himself? What illustration used by Jesus? (v. 21.) What is Christ's rule of life? (v. 25.) What does serving Christ include? What is its reward?

27 Why was Jesus troubled? What is meant by "this hour"? (See Matt. 26: 39; 27: 46.) What was Christ's mission to earth? For whom was the Gospel intended? (Rom. 1: 16; Col. 1: 5, 6.)

28-30 What voice heard? On what other occasions did a voice from heaven attest the Father's love for His Son? (Matt. 3: 17; Luke 9: 35.) How did the people regard the voice? What did Jesus say?

31-33 What is the effect on Satan of Christ's death? What its result to men?

Seniors and the Home Department—20-23 What had the Greeks witnessed in Christ's ministry? How were they impressed? What should be the desire of every heart? What had the Old Testament prophets foretold? (Ps. 2: 8; Isa. 53: 11; Isa. 69: 3, 11-14.) What did Christ see in the request of the Greeks? (Eph. 2: 14; John 11: 52; Col. 3: 11; Rev. 7: 9.) How was Christ's glory to come?

24-26 What law of life here laid down? What condition of service? Of reward?

27, 28 How did Jesus show His submission? What encouragement given Him?

29, 30 What is Jesus' explanation of the voice from heaven?

31-33 Whose kingdom to be destroyed? How? Who to be saved? How?

Prove from Scripture—That Christ's death has wonderful effect.

Practical Points—1. These Greek strangers are a rebuke to us. They came seeking to know Jesus, when His own nation who should have welcomed Him, were seeking to put Him to death. What a reproach if those who have heard least of Jesus shall get to Him before us, who have always known about Him!

2. Philip was a worker rather than a talker. He was not a great man, but he was diligent in bringing others to his Master. A good example to go by.

3. No harvest without the death of the seed. Everything of value costs, even little words or deeds of kindness. But it always pays when the harvest time comes.

4. "The Cross for only a day,
 The Crown forever and aye—
 The one for a night that will soon be gone,
 The one for eternity's glorious morn."

5. "Father, save me!" "Father, glorify thy name!" How often our prayers are like the former cry! We want to be spared pain, trouble and suffering. So did Christ; for He, too, was human. But no prayer is finished, until, like Him, we are able to say: "Glorify Thy name." True prayer must always be that God's will, not ours, should be done.

6. We must be on Christ's side if we would be on the winning side. Through Him alone shall we conquer Satan and win heaven.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Who were the "Greeks"? Why did they seek Jesus?

2. What is Christ's rule for service?

3. What has Christ's death done for the world?