

these friends loved to have Him come.

Speak of the sickness of Lazarus. Martha and Mary sent to Jesus to tell Him. He did not come at once, but after two days he started. He told His disciples that Lazarus was dead, and that He was glad He was not there, for He was going to raise him from the dead, and then they would believe that He was from God.

Lazarus had been dead four days, and his body had been laid in a grave or tomb (A cave made in the face of the rock, with a stone for a door; draw outline; erase stroke for Lazarus).

As soon as Martha heard that Jesus was come she went and met Him. (Erase stroke.) Tell the story simply, the grief of the sisters and their trust in Jesus. Dwell on Jesus' sympathy—"Jesus wept." Also tell all about His speaking

to God and the rolling away of the stone, and the raising of the dead man.

Ask for other instances of Jesus restoring life; Golden Text. Tell how our bodies will be raised up at the last day. Also try to make plain that even now Jesus gives new spiritual life to dead souls (Eph. 2: 1).

Practical Thoughts.—Do we love to have Jesus come to our homes? How can we ask Him? How will He come? We should take all our sorrows, big and little, to Jesus. He is our Elder Brother. We have the new life through Jesus if we believe in Him and love Him. Our new bodies in heaven will be much more beautiful than those we have now, and free from all weakness and pain. Have the children learn the Easter verse in the PRIMARY QUARTERLY, Hymn 539, v. 4, Book of Praise

LESSON II.—April 9, 1899

THE ANOINTING IN BETHANY, John 12: 1-11.

PREVIEW THOUGHT: Christ Jesus saves by His life and death

Golden Text.—"She hath done what she could."—Mark 14: 8.

To Day's Lesson Thought.—Jesus wants us to show our love.

Connection.—Use butterfly, or flower, or egg, to recall the Easter lesson. If the butterfly is shown, the children may hold up the little finger to represent the caterpillar, and move their arms like wings to represent the free, joyous, life of the butterfly. Recall the story and Practical Thoughts.

Lesson Story.—(In brief: the teacher

will take pains to make the story life-like.) Bethany again and the house of Simon, the Leper, Mary and Martha there: not sad now, for Lazarus is alive again. A feast in honor of Jesus; Lazarus invited and many more. (As you talk, draw square for house, two long strokes joined by a shorter one for table, strokes for Jesus, Lazarus, etc.)

It is a few days before the Passover, Jesus' last Passover. He had gone away out of reach of the Jews, who were very angry because He had raised Lazarus from the dead. They were jealous of Him. On His way back He had healed ten lepers, given sight to two blind men, and blessed the little children (Mark 10: 14).

Now He is at the feast in Simon's house. Martha is serving (Explain and show how different Mary was. This may encourage quiet, shy children.) Mary comes with alabaster box or jar (Draw) of ointment of spikenard (Explain), very sweet, and worth \$50. Mary had, perhaps, spent all her money on it; wanted to give her best. She comes to Jesus as He reclines a

