

LESSON XXVIII.

JESUS DYING AND LIVING AGAIN, Matt.
28 : 1-10.

Golden Text : Same as for Lesson XXVI.

CENTRAL TRUTH—Jesus lives. His voice in our hearts makes us know this is true. Thus He calls to us to follow Him.

POINT OF DEPARTURE—A child's experience with his planting and observation of growth or new life.

SPIRITUAL RESULT DESIRED—An apprehension of the truth, "except a grain of corn fall into the earth and die," etc., as illustrative of death as an entrance to a larger life.

APPROACH—I have something here like something I had two weeks ago. What is it? Lily bulb. Here is something that grew from a bulb just like it. Who can tell me what happened to the bulb before the lily came out? We put it in the soft earth for a while, where it was dark and quiet. Then we set it where God's sun could shine on it and gave it some of His water to drink, and it came up beautiful and pure and white. It felt the warm sun calling it and it burst into the beautiful blossom.

LESSON STORY—While Jesus our tender Shepherd was on earth, He said He would willingly lay down His life for the sheep, that they might know His voice to believe and lovingly follow Him. So He did. He was laid away in the earth, even as people are to-day and a stone was rolled over the door of the tomb to keep His body safe from harm. One bright spring morning, three days after he was laid away, two Maries came to the spot to visit the grave. But an angel of the Lord had come down from heaven and rolled away the heavy stone that was before the door of the tomb. An angel sat down upon the stone and his face shone like light and his clothes were white as the snow. He said to the women, "Fear not ye : for He is risen, as He said, Come, see the place where the Lord lay. Go quickly, and tell His disciples (friends) that He is risen from the dead, and behold, He goeth before you into Galilee ; there shall ye see Him." Then they departed quickly to tell His friends ; and so through them

all the world has heard that Jesus died and rose again.

THINK OF THIS—Jesus died and rose again, to show us that it is really true that, when our earthly life is finished and we are laid away, we shall surely rise again to live with Him in heaven. We shall not fear death now, shall we ?

LESSON XXIX.

JESUS RETURNS TO HEAVEN, Acts 1 : 9-11.

Golden Text : Same as for Lesson XXVI.

CENTRAL TRUTH—Jesus went into the heaven from which He came, to show us it is a real place. He prepares a place for each of us there. There He calls us to come.

POINT OF DEPARTURE—A child's belief in what he sees as evidence that there are other things, see it which he has not seen.

SPIRITUAL RESULT DESIRED—A definite sense that Jesus returned to heaven, just as He came to earth, for the specific purpose of helping His fellow-men.

APPROACH—Can you understand just how it is that a bird can go on and on and yet his wings will not tire or fail him ! Tell me of some of the things you could not just understand but you knew were true.

LESSON STORY—A friend of Jesus' named Luke wrote a story like this : After Jesus rose from the grave one day, when his friends were standing together talking with him and listening to the advice He gave them, telling them how to live here, so that they might come to live in heaven by and by, behold He was taken up into heaven and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they gazed up into heaven, looking where He had disappeared, two men stood by them, dressed in white, and told them that Jesus would come back again. Do you think they believed these words? I am sure they did. If they had seen Jesus go into heaven they knew that He could come again.

THINK OF THIS—If Jesus should come back to-day would He find any little friends in your home and mine? Would He find you His faithful little friend?

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