

Lesson II.

THE RAISING OF LAZARUS

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John 11 : 32-44. Commit to memory vs. 43, 44. Study John 11 : 1-67.

GOLDEN TEXT—I am the resurrection, and the life.—John 11 : 25.

32 ¹ Then when Mar'y was come where Je'sus was, and saw him, ² she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

33 When Je'sus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping, which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled.

34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They ³ said unto him, Lord, come and see.

35 Je'sus wept.

36 ⁴ Then said the Jews, Behold, how he loved him, ⁵ ⁶ And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of ⁶ the blind, have caused that ⁷ even this man should not ⁸ have died?

38 Je'sus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the ⁹ grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay ¹⁰ upon it.

39 Je'sus ¹¹ said, Take ye away the stone. Mar'tha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord,

Revised Version—¹ Mary therefore, when she came; ² Omit she; ³ say; ⁴ The Jews therefore said; ⁵ But; ⁶ him that was blind; ⁷ this man also; ⁸ die; ⁹ tomb. Now it was; ¹⁰ against it; ¹¹ saith; ¹² believedst; ¹³ So they; ¹⁴ Omit eight words; ¹⁵ hearest; ¹⁶ multitude which standeth around; ¹⁷ didst send; ¹⁸ Omit And.

LESSON PLAN

- I. Jesus' Love, 32-35.
- II. Jesus' Promise, 36-40.
- III. Jesus' Power, 41-44.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—The raising of Lazarus, John 11 : 1-16. T.—The raising of Lazarus, John 11 : 17-31. W.—The raising of Lazarus, John 11 : 32-45. Th.—The raising of Lazarus, John 11 : 46-57. F.—The widow's son, Luke 7 : 11-18. S.—"My Redeemer liveth", Job 19 : 23-27. S.—The first resurrection, Rev. 20 : 1-6.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 89. *How is the word*

by this time he stinketh : for he hath been *dead* four days.

40 Je'sus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou ¹² wouldst believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?

41 ¹³ Then they took away the stone ¹⁴ from the place where the dead was laid. And Je'sus lifted up *his* eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou ¹⁵ hast heard me.

42 And I knew that thou hearest me always : but because of the ¹⁶ people which stand by I said *it*, that they may believe that thou ¹⁷ hast sent me.

43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Laz'arus, come forth.

44 ¹⁸ And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes : and his face was bound about with a napkin. Je'sus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

made effectual to salvation? A. The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

The Question on Missions—2. Who are the inhabitants of Labrador? The principal inhabitants of Labrador are the Esquimaux in the north, the Indians in the interior, and the white settlers scattered along several hundred miles of coast.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 116 (Supplemental Lesson); 404; 100; 8 (Ps. Sel.); 331 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 148.

Special Scripture Reading—Mark 5 : 22-24, 35-43. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

EXPOSITION

Time and Place—Apparently not long before the Passover, A.D. 30; Bethany.

Connecting Links—The discourse of ch. 10, in which Jesus set forth His divine claims with calm dignity, so exasperated the Jews that they attempted to stone Him (v. 31), but He escaped from their hands, vs. 39, 40.

While Jesus, with the disciples, was in Perea, east of the Jordan (ch. 10 : 40), the news reached Him, that His friend Lazarus of Bethany was sick. He did not start for Bethany at once, but after two days He set out. Martha met Him, and to her, in conversation, He gave the glorious assurance, "I am the Resurrection and the Life". Martha told her sister Mary that the Master had come, and at once she, in turn, left the house, and came into His presence, vs. 1-31.

I. Jesus' Love, 32-35.

V. 32. *Mary . . . fell down at his feet.* Even in her grief, her first feeling was one of reverence for the Lord. *Lord, if thou hadst been here, etc.*; the same words as those used by

Martha, v. 21. They expressed a thought which must have been constantly in the sisters' minds, since their brother's death.

Vs. 33-35. *Jesus . . . saw her weeping* (Rev. Ver. Margin, "wailing"); in an abandon of grief. *Jews also.* See v. 31. These were friends, at least ten in number according to the Jewish custom, who had come to be with the sisters during the seven days of customary mourning. With their clothes rent and their heads sprinkled with dust, they surrounded the members of the bereaved family, who sat with bare feet and disheveled hair. Sometimes professional mourners were employed. *He groaned in the spirit.* Literally the words mean, "was strongly moved in spirit." *Was troubled*; literally, "disturbed Himself", gave visible proof of extraordinary agitation. It was the sight of, and sympathy with, genuine human sorrow, which thus affected Him. Compare, especially, Heb. 4 : 15. *Where have ye laid him?* He is eager to undo the work of death, and put to flight