

Lesson XII.

JESUS TRIUMPHANT OVER DEATH

June 23, 1918

BETWEEN THE LESSONS—After Christ's death, Joseph of Arimathia and Nicodemus prepared the body and laid it in a tomb, while the chief priests succeeded in having the tomb sealed and guarded to prevent the body from being stolen.

GOLDEN TEXT—Now hath Christ been raised from the dead.—1 Corinthians 15: 20 (Rev. Ver.).

*Memorize Matt. 5: 15, 16.

THE LESSON PASSAGE—Mark 16: 1-11. Study Mark 16: 1-20.

1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

2 And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

3 And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

4 And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

5 And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.

6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is

Revised Version—1 Omit had; 2 Omit sweet; 3 on the first; 4 come to the tomb when the sun was risen; 5 were saying; 6 tomb; 7 looking up, they see; 8 is; 9 back; 10 exceeding great; 11 arrayed in a white robe; 12 amazed; 13 amazed: ye seek Jesus, the Nazarene, which hath been crucified; 14 Omit your way; 15 He goeth; 16 Omit quickly; 17 trembling and astonishment had come upon them: and they said nothing to any one; 18 he; 19 on; 20 from whom; 21 out; 22 Omit And; 23 disbelieved.

risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

7 But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

8 And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre: for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man, for they were afraid.

9 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

10 And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.

11 And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.

HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS

M.—Jesus triumphant over death, Mark 16: 1-11.

T.—The great commission, Mark 16: 12-20.

W.—After the resurrection, John 21: 15-25.

Th.—Appearances of Christ, 1 Cor. 15: 1-11.

F.—Victory over death, 1 Cor. 15: 50-53.

S.—Resurrection promised, 1 Thess. 4: 13-18.

S.—John's vision, Rev. 21: 1-3.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

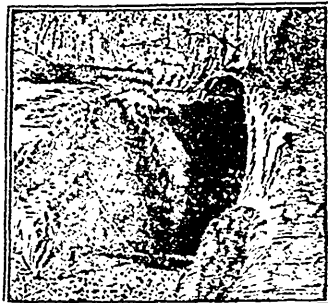
I. SEEKING A DEAD SAVIOUR.—1. Sabbath was past;

after sunset on our Saturday. It was now the third day, by Jewish reckoning.—Friday night, Saturday and Saturday night. Mary Magdalene; Mary of Magdala, out of whom had gone forth seven devils, Luke 8: 2. Mary; the wife of Clopas or Alphæus and mother of James and John. Had bought sweet spices. They came to complete the embalming of the body begun by Joseph and Nicodemus.

2, 3. Very early. It was yet

dark, John tells. They came . . . at the rising of the sun. Before they reached the tomb, darkness had been streaked with dawn. Who shall roll . . . away the stone. They did not know of the sealing of the tomb and the setting of the Roman guard, nor of what had happened to that guard. Their only anxiety was the removal of the large stone securing the opening of the tomb.

II. FINDING AN EMPTY TOMB.—4, 5. When they looked; looked "up" to the rock out of which the tomb had been cut. Stone was rolled away;



SEPULCHRE CLOSED BY ROLLING STONE

rather, rolled back so as to leave the entrance free. Entering into the sepulchre; a chamber in the face of the rock. They expected to find the body of Jesus. Saw a young man. Matthew describes him as an angel. Long white garment; glistening or dazzling white. They were affrighted; an intense degree of fear.

6-8. He is risen; the central faith of Christianity. Luke tells that the angels said, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" and reminded them of Christ's words about his death and resurrection. The place where they laid him. The empty tomb is the

first step in the proof of the resurrection. But go . . . tell his disciples. Jesus is still their master and they are still his disciples. And Peter; words of great hope for every one who has fallen. The disciple who had boasted most and failed most, is specially remembered. Goeth . . . into Galilee; according to Christ's words in Matt. 26: 32. They went out quickly. The terror, not the hope of it all, is what they feel first. Neither said they any thing. On their way back to the city they say nothing to the passers by.

III. SEEING A RISEN SAVIOUR.—9-11. He

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