

3. *He that was dead sat up.* v. 15.
"The last enemy....destroyed." 1 Cor. 15. 26.

IV. THE MULTITUDE.

1. *Fear fell on all.* v. 16.
"Let all the earth fear the Lord." Psa. 33. 8.
2. *They glorified God.* v. 16.
"Unto him....be glory." Eph. 3. 20, 21.
3. *Rumor....went forth.* v. 17.
"Will draw all men unto me." John 12. 32.

THOUGHTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

This "Great Prophet" an Example to Us.

1. *An example of beneficent purpose.* It was not by accident that at the gate of the little mountain town the two processions met. Jesus journeyed twenty-five miles to work this miracle. So he comes to a world of spiritual death with purpose to save. Let us be like him in holy determination to glorify God and bless mankind.

2. *An example of sympathy.* "His heart is full of tenderness." "Weep not," he says to every mourner, and supplements kind words by helpful acts. Like him we live in a world of heartaches. Probably one half the grown people you met during the last forty-eight hours were physically unsound, and suffering more or less pain. And the number who have severe mental troubles is really greater than that of the diseased. Let us imitate Jesus's sympathy.

3. *An example of power.* Christ manifested a might which could conquer death. This miracle was wrought by the mere act of his will, by a command only. Our nature is only human, and our power limited. But at our command, if we are God's true servants, is illimitable divine power. "Prayer moves the hand that moves the world." Let us use all the grace God gives us.

4. *An example of unrelenting goodness.* The first phrase of this lesson indicates how untiring was Jesus's beneficence. Every day had its deed of mercy. Let us be like our Lord in daily works of usefulness.

HOME READINGS.

- M. The widow of Nain. Luke 7. 11-18.
Tu. Raising Lazarus to life. John 11. 38-45.
W. The widow of Zarephath. 1 Kings 17. 17-24.
Th. Praise for life. Psa. 31.
F. Spiritual life. Eph. 2. 1-9.
S. Eternal life. John 10. 22-30.
S. Life by Christ. John 5. 21-29.

LESSON HYMNS.

- No. 166, New Canadian Hymnal.
When I can read my title clear.
No. 169, New Canadian Hymnal.
I am waiting for the Master.
No. 184, New Canadian Hymnal.
There are lonely hearts to cherish.

DOMINION HYMNAL

Hymns, Nos. 248, 247, 251.

TIME.—A. D. 27.

PLACE.—Nain.

RULERS.—Same as before.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The omnipotence of Christ.

OPTIONAL HYMNS.

67. Hall, thou once despised.
93. Deep are the wounds.
119. Pass me not.
159. Come unto me.
165. What a Friend.
173. I need thee every hour.
186. In some way or other.

194. Come, ye disconsolate.
207. Sing always.
210. Is my name written.
213. I love to tell the story.
216. My youth is mine.
218. Something for Jesus.
219. We praise thee, O God.
305. While, with ceaseless course
306. The morning flowers.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. *Sorrow.* v. 11, 12.
In which year of Christ's public ministry did this incident occur?
How far from Capernaum?
Where was his home at this time?
In what province was Nain?
How was it possible for great crowds thus to follow him from town to town?
Why did they carry the dead man outside the city walls?
Was such general mourning common? John 11. 19;
Jer. 4. 38; Zech. 12. 10; Amos 8. 10.
2. *Compassion.* v. 13-15.
What was Jesus's direction to the widow?
Give other instances in which Jesus's works of wonder sprang from compassion and not as credentials. Matt. 20. 34; Mark 1. 41.
How was the loss of offspring regarded by the Jews?
Jer. 6. 26; Zech. 12. 10; Amos 8. 10.
How was the corpse probably wrapped and carried?
Compare the passionate experiments of Elijah, 1 Kings 17. 21, and Elisha, 2 Kings 4. 35.
3. *Wonder.* v. 16-18.
What two prophets were widely expected to return at this time?
To what expected "visitation" of God did these thankful Jews refer?
How does geography illustrate and enlarge the meaning of ver. 17?
How may such a report have affected John in prison?

Practical Teachings.

The "compassion" of Jesus was divine. God regards all our sorrows with sympathy.
God's voice can penetrate the confines of death and awake all silent ears.

Hints for Home Study.

Familiarize yourself with the Oriental customs pointed to by this lesson. Almost every detail of a funeral differed from ours.

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

1. *Sorrow.* v. 11, 12.
Into what city was Jesus entering?
Who were in his company?
What procession did he meet near the gate?
What is said about the dead man's mother?
Who alone can give comfort in sorrow? See 2 Cor. 1. 3, 4.
When will all sorrow cease? See Rev. 21. 4.
2. *Compassion.* v. 13-15.
What feelings had Jesus when he saw the woman?
What did he say to her?
What did he then do?
What did he say to the dead man?
What effect had his words?
What then did Jesus do?
What comfort have we from the compassion of Jesus?
See Heb. 4. 15.
3. *Wonder.* v. 16-18.
How were the people affected by what they saw?
What did they do and say? (GOLDEN TEXT.)
How far did the news of this miracle go?
What prophet was told of it?
Where was John at this time? Matt. 11. 2.

Teachings of the Lesson.

Where in this lesson are we taught—
1. That Jesus sympathizes with people in trouble?
2. That Jesus had all power given unto him?
3. That we should tell others of Jesus's works of love.

Home Work for Young Bereans.

Find out how many dead people Jesus restored to life.
Find another case of a dead son restored alive to his mother.