

No. 89, Dominion Hymnal.

Work, for the night is coming,
Work through the morning hours.

No. 91, Dominion Hymnal.

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling
"Who will go and work to-day?"

TIME.—28 A. D.

PLACES.—Nazareth, and other villages in Galilee.

RULERS.—Same as before.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The missionary spirit.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. The Teacher.

To what point did Jesus now return?

What was his motive?

What did he accomplish there?

How had he been treated there when he before announced his mission?

What was probably the nature of his teaching?

What did the question of his townsman confess as to the character of his teaching?

What was the real ground of their offense at him?

Is his reception at Nazareth the only instance of the kind in history?

How did their unbelief affect him?

2. The Twelve.

Who were the twelve whom he called unto him?

For what purpose did he send them forth?

Why did he issue the directions of vers. 8, 9?

Of what was this first sending forth a forerunner?

Matt. 28, 19, 30.

Did the preaching of the twelve differ from that of John the Baptist?

What seal of their mission was given to them that John the Baptist had not?

To whom were they specially sent? Matt. 10, 5, 6.

What report did they make to Jesus of their mission?

Luke 9, 10, 49.

Was Judas Iscariot one of these preachers?

Practical Teachings.

Here is an example for every Christian worker. Jesus going back to Nazareth. Earnest, tireless, forgiving, patient, willing, even in the face of scorn.

No great work in Nazareth. Men kept him from it.

Men are keeping back the work of God to-day in many a church.

Were ever twelve weaker preachers sent forth? How little they knew!

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

One among the twelve was a preacher, a thief, a traitor, and a suicide.

My soul, be on thy guard. Neither profession nor companionship will save.

Hints for Home Study.

1. Learn the names of the twelve apostles.

2. Study each of the four lists to see how they differ.

Matt. 10, 2-4; Mark 3, 16-19; Luke 6, 14-16; Acts 1, 13.

3. Learn the position which Jesus said a Christian teacher should occupy in the world. Matt. 10, 16-22, 23-36, 38, etc.

4. Write a story about the return of Jesus to Nazareth: how he hoped they would receive him; how he preached; how he began to do miracles; how a very few wanted to believe; how the majority scoffed and grew angry; how at last he turned sorrowfully away.

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

1. The Teacher, vs. 1-6.

Where was Jesus's own country?

How had he been treated there before? Luke 4, 16, 28-30.

What did the people now think of his teachings?

What trade had Jesus followed?

Why did the people refuse to believe Jesus?

What did the people lose by their unbelief?

How do people show their unbelief in Christ now?

What do they lose by it?

2. The Twelve, vs. 7-13.

Who are meant by "the twelve"?

Read their names in Mark 3, 16-19.

For what purpose did Jesus send them out? Matt. 10, 7.

What power did he give them?

What did he command them to take for their journey?

Why was this command given?

How were they to act when people would not hear them?

What would become of such people in the judgment?

How did the disciples fulfill their mission? (Golden Text.)

Teachings of the Lesson.

How are we taught in this lesson—

1. That work is honorable?

2. That people lose by not believing in Christ?

3. That it is dangerous to reject the message of Christ?

Home Work for Young Bereans.

Find what was said about Nazareth by a man from Cana.

What happened at Nazareth when Jesus first visited it.

What was the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

Where did Jesus now go? To "his own country,"

Nazareth.

Who went with him? His disciples.

Where did Jesus teach on the Sabbath day? In the synagogue.

Who heard him? His own countrymen.

Why were they astonished? At his wisdom and power.

What did they ask? Is not this the son of Mary?

What did they forget? That he was the Son of God.

What caused them to be offended, or displeased? Envy and lack of faith.

Where did Jesus say a prophet is without honor? In his own country.

Why could not Jesus do mighty works there? Because of their unbelief.

Where did Jesus go, teaching and preaching? Into the villages and towns.

Whom did he send forth to do the same kind of work? His disciples.

What power did he give them? To heal the sick, and cast out evil spirits.

What did they tell people to do? To repent.

What are true disciples doing now? The work to which Jesus calls them.

Who gives power for this work? The Lord.

Words with Little People.

The First Missionaries.

The twelve disciples were the first missionaries.

Jesus sent them to their own friends first.

Little disciples may be missionaries, too.

They may begin by helping at home.

"The least you do for Jesus

Will be precious in his sight."

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. To what point did Jesus go before finally leaving Galilee? To his old home, Nazareth.

2. How did his town-people receive him? They scoffed and rejected him.

3. What scornful question did they ask? "Is not this the carpenter?"

4. How did Jesus attempt to lighten his own labors? By sending out the twelve.

5. What work did they perform in his name? "And they went out and preached," etc.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

10. What does our Lord say of those who reject him?

He declares that they ought to believe in him; and that they would believe in him if they humbly and patiently listened to his words.

John viii. 46, 47. If I say truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God heareth the words of God; for this cause ye hear them not, because ye are not of God.

ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.

The Great Preacher and His Preachers.

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"He came unto his own." John 1, 11.

"Go home to thy friends." Mark 5, 19.

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