

and it is all the sweeter because of the love we have shown them while they were here with us.

Lesson—We are going to hear of a very loving thing that Mary, the sister of Lazarus, did to show her love to Jesus.

Review—You remember the name of the other sister. What did we hear about these three in our story last Sunday? Now we are going to “make believe” that we are in Bethany again to-day. Here are some of the strange-looking houses (outline). We’ll make one larger than the others, and over it we’ll print, *SIMON’S HOUSE*.

A Feast—If we look into the house, we shall see a long, low table laid for a feast (explain custom of reclining at meals). See! there are Mary and Martha and Lazarus. They are going to the door, watching for a loved Guest. Look! there He comes!

It is Jesus. The feast has been prepared in honor of Jesus, who had raised Lazarus from the dead.

A Costly Gift—Tell the Lesson story. Draw a picture of an Eastern perfume bottle, as you tell of the costly ointment. Was Jesus pleased? How did Martha show her love?

Our Gifts to Jesus—Why should we be grateful to Jesus? Does He want only costly gifts? What can you each do for Jesus? Repeat—“Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me”, Matt. 25 : 40. Explain ways in which we can help others, for Jesus’ sake.

Golden Text—Repeat (and print) Golden Text.

Something to Think About—I should love Jesus.

FROM THE PLATFORM

JESUS

FRIENDS | FOES

The Lesson tells about a supper. In what town? In whose house? By whom given? Who was the chief Guest? Print *JESUS*. Speak of those in the Lessons who were *FRIENDS OF JESUS* (Print). There will be an opportunity for an interesting conversation about how, in each case, these showed their friendship—the people of the village, by making the supper, Simon by giving his house, Lazarus by joining the other guests in doing honor to Jesus, Martha by serving at the table, Mary by anointing the feet of Jesus. Next speak of those who were *FOES* of Jesus, and how they showed their enmity—Judas by his faultfinding and afterwards by the betrayal of his Lord, and the chief priests who bargained with Judas to have delivered up to them (see Matt. 26 : 14-16). Point out that we must either be friends of Jesus or His foes. Urge every scholar to be an out and out friend of His, loving Him and serving Him with the whole heart.

EASTER LESSON—An Alternative Lesson

Luke 24 : 1-12. Commit to memory vs. 6-7.

GOLDEN TEXT—But now is Christ risen from the dead.—1 Cor. 15 : 20.

Time and Place—The first day of the week, after the crucifixion; Jerusalem.

Lesson Setting—Joseph of Arimathea, having asked Pilate’s consent to take away the body of Jesus, laid it in a tomb belonging to himself, hewn out of the rock, John 19 :

38-42. The faithful Galilean women, who had witnessed the crucifixion, followed Joseph to the sepulchre, and saw where their Lord was laid. Returning home, they prepared spices for embalming His body, but waited until the Jewish Sabbath should pass