

Review Service for the Third Quarter.

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FURTHER STUDIES IN THE WRITINGS OF ST. JOHN.

*Subject: The World's Redeemer Setting up His Kingdom.**Superintendent.* In what part of the ministry of Jesus did the events of this quarter's lessons occur?*School.* In the last six months and chiefly in the city of Jerusalem and vicinity.*Supt.* These lessons set before us the steps in the fuller development of the Redeemer's kingdom. Will the school indicate three natural divisions into which the topics may be arranged?*School.* First, the events narrated; second, the illustrated lessons taught; and third, the assurances given.

HYMN. S. M.

Jesus, the Conqueror, reigns,
In glorious strength arrayed;
His kingdom over all maintains,
And bids the earth be glad.

I. The Events Narrated.

Supt. Will class number one tell us the story of the first lesson?*First Class.* As Jesus was passing along the streets of Jerusalem he saw a man blind from his birth, and after a short conversation with his disciples he turned in compassion toward the man, made clay of spittle, anointed the blind man's eyes, and said unto him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam." The blind man "went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing," and when questioned about the miracle performed upon him, exclaimed, "One thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see."

HYMN. G. H. No. 1, p. 42.

The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin;
The light of the world is Jesus.

Like sunshine at noonday his glory shone in;
The light of the world is Jesus.

Chorus.—Come to the light, his shining for thee;
Sweetly the light has dawned upon me:

Once I was blind, but now I can see;
The light of the world is Jesus.

Ye dwellers in darkness with sin-blinded eyes,
The light of the world is Jesus;

Go, wash at his bidding and light will arise,
The light of the world is Jesus.

Supt. The third and fourth lessons narrate the death and resurrection of Lazarus. Will class number two give an outline account of these events?*Second Class.* When Jesus was away in Perea beyond Jordan, a messenger came to him saying, "Lord, he whom thou lovest is sick." As soon as Jesus was informed of the sickness of Lazarus he said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the son of God might be glorified thereby."*Supt.* "Our friend Lazarus sleeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep."*Second Class.* On arriving at Bethany Jesus found that his friend Lazarus had been dead and buried four days. Martha and Mary, the sisters of the dead brother, were very sorrowful, and even Jesus, when he stood before the sepulcher, wept. To comfort the sisters, whom he loved, Jesus declared to them that their brother should rise again. And when Martha seemed not to understand his assurance, and only accepted the fact that "he should rise again in the resurrection at the last day," Jesus said unto her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." And then as if to enforce and establish for all time this glorious truth, he, standing at the mouth of the tomb, cried out with a loud

voice, "Lazarus, come forth," and he that was dead came forth, and Jesus said, "Loose him and let him go."

HYMN. L. M.

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What joy the best assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everlasting Head!
He lives, and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives, my mansion to prepare;
He lives, to bring me safely there.

Supt. The topic of the fifth lesson is "Jesus Honored." Will the third class give an account of these expressions of love and honor?*Third Class.* First, Jesus was entertained at a supper made in the house of Simon, at which Lazarus was present and Martha served; second, he was anointed by Mary with the costly ointment of spikenard; and third, he was welcomed by the triumphal procession.*School.* "Much people that were come to the feast . . . took branches of palm-trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord."*Infant Class.* And even the little children in the temple shouted with the others, "Hosanna to the Son of David."

HYMN. C. M.

Hosanna! be the children's song,
To Christ, the children's King;
His praise, to whom our souls belong,
Let all the children sing.

Hosanna! sound from hill to hill,
And spread from plain to plain,
While louder, sweeter, clearer still,
Woods echo to the strain.

II. Illustrated Principles of the Kingdom.

Supt. The second, seventh, eighth, and tenth lessons illustrate and enforce certain principles of the Redeemer's kingdom. Will the school give the topics of these lessons?*School.* "Jesus the Good Shepherd;" "Jesus Teaching Humility;" "Warning to Judas and Peter;" and "Jesus the True Vine."*Supt.* The illustrations used to explain and enforce these teachings of the great Teacher are, the sheep and their shepherd; washing the disciples' feet; and the symbol of the vine. Will the school show the principles illustrated?

(a) The Shepherd and the Sheep.

School. Jesus is shown to be the good shepherd, that is, he has the same relation to his followers that the shepherd had to his sheep: First, he is the door of the sheep, that is, he is the only way into the fold; second, he knows each of his sheep by name; third, he goes before them a perfect example; fourth, he defends them from all enemies; fifth, he leads them into green pastures; and last, he gives his life for them.

HYMN. 8, 7, 4.

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need thy tenderest care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

(b) Washing the Disciples' Feet.

Supt. As in the previous illustration, this act of Jesus gives force to one of the principles of his kingdom. What do we understand that to be?*School.* By the example of humble service the Master teaches the grace of humility, and we will all do well to repeat the Golden Text of this lesson. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."