

Lesson XII.

CHRIST RISEN

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Matt. 28: 1-15. Commit to memory vs. 9, 10. Compare Mark ch. 16: Luke ch. 24.
Read Matt. 27: 57-66.

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

1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which is crucified.

6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead: and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre

Revised Version—1 Now late on the sabbath day; 2 an; 3 away; 4 Omit from the door; 5 appearance was as lightning; 6 watchers did quake; 7 hath been; 8 lo; 9 tomb; 10 Omit as they went to tell his disciples; 11 took hold of his; 12 saith; 13 Fear not; 14 depart; 15 while; 16 guard; 17 told; 18 come to pass; 19 did you of care; 20 was spread abroad; 21 and continueth.

DAILY READINGS

M.—Christ risen, Matt. 28: 1-15. T.—Hard to believe, Luke 24: 1-12. W.—The wounded hands, Luke 24: 34-48. Th.—Seen by many, 1 Cor. 15: 1-11. F.—Cereality, 1 Cor. 15: 1-11. S.—Chosen witnesses, Acts 10: 34-43. S.—Ever living, Rom. 6: 1-11.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 27. Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist? A. Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries

with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

11 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

12 Now 13 when they were going, behold, some of the 14 watch came into the city, and 15 shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were 16 done.

12 And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers,

13 Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.

14 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.

15 So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying 16 is commonly reported among the Jews 17 unto this day.

of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross: in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

LESSON PLAN

I. The Open Grave, 1-7.

II. The Appearance of Jesus, 8-10.

III. The Report of the Watch, 11-15.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 58; 61; 2 (Ps. Sel.); 69; 59 (from Primary Quarterly); 67.

EXPOSITION

Time and Place—The morning of the Lord's Day, April 9, 30 A.D. The tomb of Jesus was in a garden near Calvary.

Connecting Links—Jesus died about 3 p.m. on Friday, April 7, Mark 15: 34. The same evening Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus lay the body away in a new rock-cut tomb in Joseph's own garden nearby. (See John 19: 38-42; ch. 27: 59, 60.) The women watch where the body is placed, Mark 15: 47. A guard of Roman soldiers, on the demand of the Jewish authorities, is set at the sepulchre.

I. The Open Grave, 1-7.

Vs. 1, 2. *The end of the Sabbath*; at the end of the night (that is, in the early dawn) that followed the Jewish Sabbath. Probably the meaning is that, as soon as the Sabbath was over (it closed at sunset of our Saturday), the women went out to buy spices, and when the morning was drawing near, they went to the grave, Mark 16: 1, 2. *Mary Magdalene . . . the other Mary.* See Light from the East. (Com-

pare Mark 15: 40; 16: 1; Luke 24: 10.) *To see the sepulchre.* Mark and Luke say, to anoint the body of Jesus. They had no hope that He was risen. (See Mark 16: 3, 4.) *Behold, there was.* The verb might be equally well translated, "there had been" (so Weymouth). This event happened, not in the sight of the women, but before their arrival. *The angel of the Lord.* In the Old Testament this was Jehovah's special messenger. So the resurrection of Jesus was through the direct intervention of God, Acts 2: 32; 3: 15; Eph. 1: 20. *Rolled back the stone*; which closed the mouth of the tomb. Thus the cause of the women's anxiety was removed, for "who," they had said, "shall roll us away the stone?" (Mark 16: 3.)

Vs. 3, 4. *His countenance was like lightning*; shining with the brightness of lightning. *Raiment white as snow*; like that of Jesus at the Transfiguration, ch. 17: 2. Luke and John mention two angels. *Keepers*; the guard of Roman soldiers. *As dead men*;