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INTRODUCTION

Throughout the ages man has looked for the promised Messiah. Beginning in the book of Genesis, there appears, like a scarlet thread weaving through the Old Testament, promises and predictions regarding the coming of Christ as the **Messiah**.

The Earliteen lessons for this quarter trace the prophecies regarding the Messiah from the promise **given** in the Garden of Eden to our first parents to the promise of the angel to the disciples at Christ's ascension.

May these lessons help the earnest seeker for truth to **recognize** Christ as the prophesied Messiah. He truly is the Desire of the Ages!

ABBREVIATIONS

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| DA. | <i>The Desire of Ages</i> |
| SR. | <i>The Story of Redemption</i> |
| SP. | <i>The Spirit of Prophecy</i> |
| Ed | <i>Education</i> |

THE PROMISE IN PROPHECY

MEMORY VERSE: *"And He said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream." Numbers 12:6*

Facts

One of the best gifts of God to mankind is the gift of prophecy. It is next in order to the gift of Christ and the Holy Spirit. The giving of Jesus made another gift necessary--the gift of prophecy. This was of utmost importance, as the gift of prophecy was needed so God could speak to sinners and tell them of the gift of His Son, Jesus. Through prophecy they would be prepared to recognize when He came to this world. The gift of prophecy is an inseparable part of the plan of salvation.

Beginning in the book of Genesis, there appears, like a scarlet thread weaving through the Old Testament, promises and predictions regarding Christ's first coming. The central theme of the Old Testament is the hope of the coming Messiah. The Old Testament writings all looked forward to Christ's coming and bore witness to Him.

"The Saviour's coming was foretold in Eden. When Adam and Eve first heard the promise, they looked for its speedy fulfillment. They joyfully welcomed their first-born son, hoping that he might be the Deliverer. But the fulfillment of the promise tarried. Those who first received it died without the sight. From the days of Enoch the promise was repeated through patriarchs and prophets, keeping alive the hope of His appearing, and yet He came **not....**"

But like the stars in the vast circuit of their appointed path, God's purposes know no haste and no **delay....** When the great clock of time pointed to that hour, Jesus was born in **Bethlehem....**

"When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son." DA31, 32

The prophecies of Christ's first coming were studied not only by the people of God but also by Satan. From generation to generation he worked to blind the people to these prophecies, that they might reject Christ at His coming. Satan studied the prophecies with diligence; and yet while reading them, he became afraid and trem-

bled. But, even then he mercilessly determined to prevent the people from obtaining the knowledge that God had given through prophecy.

Study

1. *What does prophecy accomplish? 1 Corinthians 14:3.*
2. *Who is the author of prophecy? Isaiah 44:7; 45:21.*
3. *How does God reveal His intentions to us? Amos 3:7.*
4. *How can a person know that a prophecy is truly from God? Deuteronomy 18:21, 22.*
5. *What is one sign that a person is giving a false prophecy? Deuteronomy 13:1-3.*
6. *What does every prophecy from God emphasize? Colossians 1:27.*
7. *What was a prophet called in Old Testament times? 1 Samuel 9:9.*
8. *What blessing is ours if we heed the words of the prophecies? 2 Chronicles 20:20.*

Research

Make a list of at least four persons in the Old Testament (other than the Major and Minor Prophets) who were given the gift of prophecy.

THE PROPHETIC BIRTH

MEMORY VERSE: "And Philip *findeth Nathanael*, and *saith* unto him, We have found Him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. " *John 1:45*

Facts

The Jewish people had been expecting the Saviour's coming for more than a thousand **years**. All their hopes were centered on this one event. His name was known in their songs, in prophecy, in the temple services, and in their family worship.

"For hundreds of years the Scriptures had been translated into the Greek **language**, then widely spoken throughout the Roman Empire. The Jews were scattered everywhere, and their expectation of the Messiah's coming was to some extent shared by the Gentiles." DA 33. And yet when Jesus came, these people did not know Him.

Among the Gentiles, whom the Jews considered heathen, were **people** who understood the Bible prophecies about Jesus much better **than** the Jewish teachers. And yet among **the** Jews there were a few people who were diligent in their study and had preserved the **knowledge** of God. They were still looking for the fulfillment of the promise that was made to their **fathers**.

Study

1. Where was the Messiah to be born? *Micah 5:2*,
2. What was said about His mother? *Isaiah 7:14*.
3. Which **tribe** was Jesus from? *Genesis 49: JO*.
4. Name the **family** that Jesus would come from? *Isaiah 11:1*.
5. Who were some of the Gentiles who had studied the Scriptures **con-**
cerning Christ's coming? *Matthew 2:1*, last part, 2.

6, Who of the Jews **recognized** Jesus as the prophesied Messiah? Luke 2:25-32, **36-38**.

7. The Jews did not understand Christ's mission. They wanted Jesus to **deliver** them from the Romans instead of from their sins. They wanted a conqueror to come, get rid of the Romans, and establish an earthly kingdom. Who, however, understood His true mission? Luke **2:8-15**.

8. What event did Jeremiah prophesy? Jeremiah **31:15**.

9. To whom did **Hosea** refer in **Hosea 11:17**?

The following Bible texts are fulfillments of the prophecies mentioned above. Match each one with the proper question.

7. **Matthew 2:13-15**

2. **Matthew 2:1**

3. **Hebrews 7:14**

4. **Matthew 2:16-18**

5. **Matthew 1:18-23**

6. **Revelation 22:16**

Lesson 3

THE PROPHESED MISSION

MEMORY VERSE: "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise **his heel**." Genesis **3:15**

Facts

The sin committed by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden had **far-reaching** results. This one act of disobedience to **God's** law caused all mankind to be lost and made subject to death, sickness, and misery, from which there would be no escape. However, heaven was not indifferent to the situation man had placed himself in. **As** soon as the first **sin** was committed, Jesus and God held a meeting in which man's case was taken up.

Adam and Eve were then advised of the **decision**; and from the birth of their first son down through the

history of the Old Testament, each Jewish mother had hopes that perhaps her son would be the promised Messiah. Almost 4,000 years were to pass from the time when the plan of redemption was revealed to man to the actual birth of the Saviour.

John the Baptist, who is called the forerunner of Christ, came from among the faithful in Israel. His mission was to prepare the people for the Saviour. He proclaimed the soon coming of the Messiah and called the people to repentance. John the Baptist had not had any direct dealings with Jesus. But he knew about the events surrounding Jesus' birth, about His boyhood, and about the sinless life Jesus had led. John believed Jesus to be the Messiah, but of this fact he was not positively assured. It had been revealed to John that Jesus would come to him to be baptized. When Jesus came to be baptized, John immediately saw in Him a pure character such as he had never seen in any other man. The very air surrounding Jesus was holy and awesome.

Jesus has opened the way for even the most sinful, the most needy, and the most oppressed and despised. Everyone may find the way to the Father and have a home in the mansions which Jesus has gone to prepare.

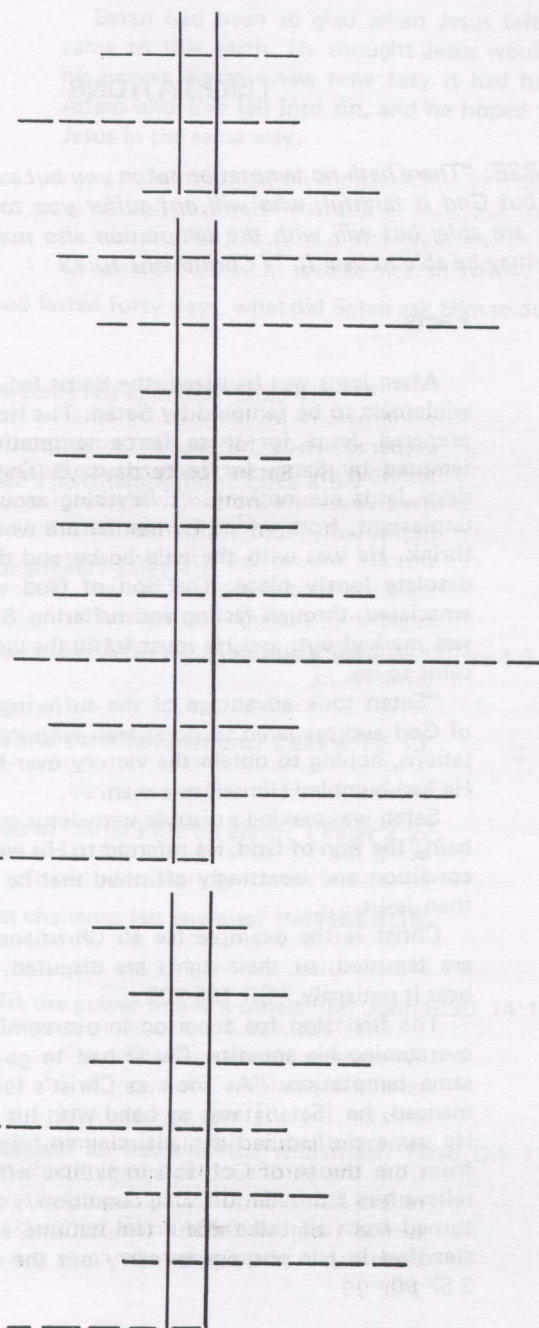
Study

1. *Who prophesied of the Messiah? What words did he use? Daniel 9:25.*
2. *How was Christ's first coming to this earth to be announced? Isaiah 40:3.*
3. *By whom was this fulfilled? John 1:19, 23.*
4. *How was Abraham shown a symbol of the coming Messiah? Genesis 22:7-9, 12.*
5. *What effect did Christ's sacrifice **have** on the sinner? Ephesians 1:6.*
6. *How alone can we obtain salvation? John 14:6.*
7. *Of what prophecy was Christ speaking in Mark 1:14, 15?*

WORD PUZZLE

1. A diligent student of Bible prophecies for wrong reasons.
2. *The* Jews wanted Jesus to establish an _____ kingdom.
3. He blessed the baby Jesus in the _____.
4. Satan studied these about Jesus' advent.
5. Jesus was *asked* to read this in the synagogue.
6. Jews wanted Jesus to deliver them from the _____.
7. _____ were ignorant of Christ's true mission.
8. Mary's relationship to Jesus.
9. He prophesied the death of small children in Christ's time.
10. Jesus used _____ to explain things.
11. Jesus read from this book in the synagogue.
12. Some of these understood the prophecies about Christ better than the Jews did.
13. Satan was _____ when he studied prophecies about Christ.
14. Nazareth was Jesus' _____ town.
15. They *rejected* the Messiah.
16. The Saviour.
17. The Old Testament is full of _____ of the Messiah.
18. He prophesied the birthplace of Jesus.
19. Jesus entered the synagogue every _____ day.
20. The first one to prophesy Christ's appearing.

NOTE: See answer sheet on page 26.



TEMPTATIONS

MEMORY VERSE: *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it."* I Corinthians 10:13

Facts

After Jesus was baptized, the Spirit led Him into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan. The Holy Spirit had prepared Jesus for these fierce temptations. He was tempted by Satan for forty days. During these forty days Jesus ate nothing. "Everything around Him was **unpleasant**, from which human nature would be led to shrink. He was with the wild beasts and the devil, in a desolate lonely place. The Son of God was pale and emaciated, through fasting and suffering. But His course was marked out, and He must fulfill the work which He came to do.

"Satan took advantage of the sufferings of the Son of God and prepared to beset Him with manifold temptations, hoping to obtain the victory over Him, because He had humbled Himself as a man. . . .

Satan was seeking a dispute with Jesus concerning His being the Son of God. He referred to His weak, suffering condition and boastfully affirmed that he was stronger than Jesus. . . .

Christ is the example for all Christians. When they are tempted, or their rights are disputed, they should bear it patiently." SR 198-200

The first step for a person in overcoming his sins is overcoming his appetite. Christ had to go through this same temptation. "As soon as **Christ's** long fast commenced, he [Satan] was at hand with his temptations. He came clothed in light, claiming to be an angel sent from the throne of God to sympathize with Christ and relieve him from his suffering condition. . . . But Christ turned from all these artful temptations, and remained steadfast in His purpose to carry **out** the divine plan." 2 SP 90

Satan had been so glad when Jesus left heaven and came to this earth. He thought Jesus would now be in his power. Satan knew how easy it had been to make Adam and Eve fall into sin, and he hoped to overcome Jesus in the same way.

Study

1. After Jesus had fasted forty days, what did Satan ask Him to do? Luke 4:3.
2. Had Jesus overcome His appetite? Luke 4:4.
3. What was Satan's next temptation? Luke 4:5-7.
4. What did Jesus answer? Luke 4:8.
5. What was Satan's last bid in trying to make Jesus sin? Luke 4:9-11.
6. How did Jesus end these temptations? Luke 4:12, 13.
7. What is testified of Christ's life on earth? 1 Peter 2:22.
8. How did Christ challenge His enemies? Hebrews 4:15.
9. Who gave Christ the power to live a sinless life? John 5:30; 14:10.

Research

How did Satan appear to Jesus in the wilderness? Read DA 118, second paragraph.

THE BEGINNING WORK

MEMORY VERSE: *"The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."*
Isaiah 40:3

Facts

Many people today say that Jesus was only a man—but a good man, mind you, because His life was spent serving humanity. They see no reason to believe otherwise. They reason that had He been God's Son He would not have submitted Himself to such a lowly life on this earth. Such reasoning is not new.

Christ was absent from His hometown, Nazareth, for some time after beginning His ministry. Nevertheless, the inhabitants of Nazareth had heard of all the events surrounding Jesus. Now He was coming back to Nazareth for a visit, and the people were excited at the news. On the Sabbath day, Jesus went to the synagogue. Most of the people in the congregation were familiar to Him because He had known them since He was small. He saw His mother, brothers, and sisters; every eye turned toward Jesus when He entered and took His place among the worshippers.

"In the regular service for the day, the elder read from the prophets, and exhorted the people still to hope for the Coming One, who would bring in a glorious reign, and banish all oppression. He sought to encourage his hearers by rehearsing the evidence that the Messiah's coming was near. He described the glory of His advent, keeping prominent the thought that He would appear at the head of armies to deliver Israel.

"When a rabbi was present at the synagogue, he was expected to deliver the sermon, and any Israelite might give the reading from the prophets." DA 236

On this Sabbath Jesus was asked to give the reading from the prophets.

Study

1. What reading did Christ choose? Isaiah 61:1-3.

2. To whom did this reading point?

NOTE: "The scripture which He read was one that was understood as referring to the Messiah: . . ." DA 236

3. How did His words affect the people? Luke 4:20, 22, first part.

4. What claim did Jesus make, and how did the people react to it? Luke 4:21, 22, last part.

5. How far did the people go in their blindness? Luke 4:28-30.

6. According to Isaiah, was this something strange? Isaiah 53:3.

7. Whom did Moses say the Lord would raise up? Deuteronomy 18:15.

8. To what did Isaiah compare Jesus? Isaiah 9:1, 2.

9. Under what striking emblem was Christ prophesied by Balaam? Numbers 24:17, first part.

Quiz

Match the following Bible texts with the prophecies mentioned above in the lesson:

Matthew 4:12-16.

John 1:10, 11.

Acts 3:22.

Luke 7:19-22.

Luke 4:16-19.

John 1:19, 23.

Acts 3:22-24.

Revelation 22:16.

Research

Read Jesus' words in Luke 4:23-27. Why did Jesus speak them? Read DA 238, last paragraph—240

Lesson 6

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

MEMORY VERSE: "I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:" Psalm 78:2

Facts

From the earliest times the faithful in Israel had given much attention to the matter of education. God had revealed to them that the children should be taught from babyhood on. He wanted the children to learn from the history of Israel and from His law. The mothers and fathers *were* to teach their children through songs, prayers, and lessons from the Scriptures. Both at school and at home much of the teaching was oral. As soon as the youth learned to read the Hebrew writings, they would begin to study the Old Testament Scripture scrolls.

In Christ's time, the religious instruction of the young was considered of the utmost importance. If a town or a city did not have a school for this *purpose*, the place was regarded to be under the curse of God. But, unfortunately, the teaching both at home and in school had become very mechanical and formal. The instruction was only so many dry facts learned by rote.

Jesus studied the Scriptures diligently in His early years and day by day gained knowledge from the great library of animate and inanimate nature. "The parables, by means of which He loved to teach lessons of truth, show how open His spirit was to the influences of nature and how He delighted to gather the spiritual teaching from the surroundings of daily life." Ed 102

"Jesus taught by illustrations and parables drawn from nature and from the familiar *events* of everyday life. . . . In this way He associated natural things with spiritual, linking the things of nature and the life experi-

ence of His hearers with the sublime truths of the written word. And whenever afterward their eyes rested on the objects with which He has associated eternal truth, His lessons were repeated." CT 140

Study

1. Why did Jesus say He used parables? Matthew 13:13-16.
2. To what did Christ compare Himself? John 10:14.
3. Who are the sheep? Psalm 100:3.
4. What relationship *exists* between the shepherd and his sheep? John 10:11, 15.
5. To what *else* did Christ compare Himself? John 6:35, first part.
6. How did He explain the effects of this bread of life? John 6:35, last part; 4:14.
7. How did Jesus explain the Christian influence? John 8:12.
8. What parable did Jesus use to show our connection with Him? John 15:5-8.
9. How did Christ draw the Jews' attention to the danger of their position in not accepting Him? Matthew 21:42, 43.

Match the prophecies listed below with the above events in the lesson:

Isaiah 6:9

Psalm 118:22, 23.

Isaiah 28:16.

Isaiah 40:11.

Isaiah 8:13-15.

Research

Did the Jews understand what Christ tried to tell them in the symbol of the cornerstone? Read: DA 597-599

THE MESSIAH'S WORK

MEMORY VERSE: "And Jesus went about *all* Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing *all* manner of sickness and *all* manner of disease among the *people*." Matthew 4:23

Facts

While on this earth, Christ might have held the highest place among the Jewish teachers, but He preferred to preach the gospel to the sinners. He traveled to many places explaining the Scriptures. He taught by the sea, on the mountainside, in the city streets, and in the synagogue. There never has been or will be such an evangelist as Christ. It did not matter whether a person was rich or poor, free or bond; to all Christ brought the tidings of salvation.

The full responsibility for man's salvation rested on Jesus' shoulders. He knew that He had to drastically change the principles and purposes of mankind, or all would be lost.

His life was a life of *self-sacrifice*. He had no home of His own. He only had the homes of His friends, where He was free to stay whenever He was in their vicinity.

During His life on the earth, Christ spent more time in healing the sick than in preaching. Wherever he went, the message of His mercy was carried before Him. Whatever place He had traveled through, the people who had been healed by Jesus were rejoicing in health. Crowds drew around these people as they testified of the miracles Christ had worked for them. Each time Jesus healed a person He took the opportunity to teach that person heavenly principles. This was the purpose of His work. Jesus gave them earthly blessings so they would more readily listen to and accept the gospel of Christ's grace.

Study

1. What does the Lord dec/are Himself to be? Exodus 15:26; Psalm 103:3.
2. What was the greatest aspect of Christ's mission on earth? Matthew 8:16.
3. Who prophesied this? Isaiah 53:4.

4. Was *Isaiah* talking about Christ's mission to the physically sick in *Isaiah 42:7*?
5. Why was the woman healed by simply touching Christ's garment? *Luke 8:48*.
6. What is necessary for a person wishing to be healed by Christ? *James 5:16*.
7. What example did Christ leave us to follow? *Acts 10:38*.
8. Who was given this power by Jesus? *Luke 9:1, 2*.
9. Can we have this same privilege in our time? *James 5:14, 15*.

Research

How can we follow in Christ's footsteps today? Read DA 824, last two paragraphs, 825.

Lesson 8

THE GREAT TEACHER

MEMORY VERSE: "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be *saved*." *John 3:17*

Facts

The best illustration of Christ as the great Teacher was His training of the twelve disciples. These men were chosen by Jesus to be specially taught by Him; as His followers, they would carry forward His work on earth after His ascension. The disciples were given the advantage of being constantly with Christ; and through this personal fellowship, Christ was able to impress on their minds important truths.

The disciples were with Jesus in the house, at the table, in the closet, in the field. They went with Him on His trips, went through the same trials and hardships as Jesus did, **and—most important of all—took part in Jesus' work as much as possible.**

Whenever Jesus spoke to the multitudes, the disciples sat right next to Him. They stayed the closest to Jesus so they would miss nothing of His instruction. They listened very carefully, eager to understand the truths that Jesus taught so they could afterward teach others. Up until now, the people had listened to the teachings of the scribes and elders; but their way of teaching was very cold and formal. As far as the teachers were concerned, the word of God had no special power. Their own ideas and traditions were put in place of its teaching.

When Jesus came to this earth, mankind seemed to have reached its lowest point. Life had become false. Throughout the world, religion was losing its hold on the people. They were fed up with fable and falsehood and turned to unfaithfulness and materialism. They wanted to leave eternal matters out of their lives and live only for the present.

Christ came to restore to the people the knowledge of God.

Christ came to the world with the love of heaven.

Christ came to set aside the false teachings which misrepresented God.

Christ came to show that the law of God is the law of love.

Christ came to show that the happiness of mankind depended on obedience to the law of God.

Christ came to teach how to receive and use in practice the heavenly principles.

Study

1. *Why was Christ's teaching different? John 4:31, 32.*
2. *How did He teach the people? Matthew 7:29.*
3. *When the officers were sent by the chief priest and Pharisees to take Jesus, what did they say? John 7:46.*
4. *How did Isaiah say Christ would teach the law? Isaiah 42:21.*
5. *Was this fulfilled? Matthew 5:17-19.*

6. *What testimony did Nicodemus give of Jesus? John 3:2.*
7. *What effect did Christ's conversation have on the two disciples He accompanied to Emmaus? Luke 24:32.*
8. *In His teaching, to what did Christ draw the people's attention? Luke 24:27, 44, 45.*
9. *What mission has Christ left for us? Matthew 28:19, 20.*

Lesson 9

THE KING

MEMORY VERSE: "And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest." Matthew 21:9

Facts

On His way from Jericho to Jerusalem to attend the feast of the Passover, Jesus had spent a Sabbath in Bethany. On the first day of the week Jesus resumed His journey. "He sent two of His disciples to bring 'a colt, the foal of an ass,' that He might ride into Jerusalem. It was but a short distance, and as He had always chosen to travel on foot, His disciples were puzzled to know why He should prefer to ride. But hope brightened in their hearts with the joyous thought that Jesus was about to enter the capital and proclaim Himself King of the Jews, and assert His royal power. While on their errand, the disciples communicated their glowing anticipations to the friends of Jesus, and the excitement spread far and near, raising the expectations of the people to the highest pitch. Jesus selected for His use a colt upon which never man had sat. The disciples in glad enthusiasm spread their garments upon the colt and placed their Master upon him." 2SP 383, 384

Jesus had hardly mounted the colt when a loud shout rent the air. The multitude of people who had followed

Jesus **hailed** Him **as** the Messiah, their King. Jesus accepted the homage of these people now, **and** the disciples were glad that finally Jesus was recognized as the King of Israel. Everyone was very happy and excited. The people tried to outdo each other in paying homage to Christ. They couldn't show this with splendor and costly presents, but they gave Jesus the worship of happy hearts and spread their outer garments on His path and threw the leafy branches of the olive and palm in the way. They could not lead the procession according to royal custom but cut down the emblems of victory and waved them, loudly crying "**Hosanna!**"

As they progressed on the way, more and more people joined the procession. "**Who** is this?" "What does all this noise mean?" they asked each other. They had all heard Jesus say many times that His kingdom was not of this **world**, and now they were astonished to see Him follow the Jewish customs of royal entry. They did not understand that this occasion was Jesus' means of calling everyone's attention to Him as the Redeemer of the world.

Study

1. *Why did Jesus tell the disciples to go and get Him a colt to ride? Matthew 21:4.*
2. *What prophecy was fulfilled by this? Zechariah 9:9.*
3. *What did the people and disciples shout? Matthew 21:9; Luke 19:37.*
4. *Who also joined the scene, and what did they do? Luke 19:39.*

NOTE: "**They** declared that such noisy demonstrations were unlawful, and would not be permitted by the authorities." DA 572

5. *What did Jesus answer them? Luke 19:40.*
6. *To what did Jesus compare Himself? Mark 12:10, 11.*
7. *Was this a new teaching to the Jews? Psalm 118:22, 23.*
8. *How did the Jews react to Christ's words? Mark 12:12.*

3. What was, therefore, pronounced upon the Jewish nation? Matthew 21:43, 45.

Research

How did the triumphal procession end? Read DA 575-579. In class discuss any wider applications that this scene had.

Lesson 10

THE MESSIAH BETRAYED

MEMORY VERSE: "He was oppressed, and he was *afflicted*, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He *openeth* not His *mouth*." Isaiah 53:7

Facts

What kind of a man was Judas, the disciple and betrayer of Jesus? Satan had deceived him into thinking that he was one of Jesus' true disciples. But in his heart there had been no change; He was still evil. Judas had seen Christ's mighty works and miracles, he had the full evidence that He was the Messiah but had rejected all this truth.

Judas was covetous; it was his love of money that led him to agree to betray Jesus for a few pieces of silver. This love of money had grown stronger, because it was unchecked; finally it was greater than his love for the Saviour. All through the Last Supper, Judas was devising plans to betray his Master. He had proposed secretly "to betray Jesus into their hands, by leading them to one of the Saviour's resorts for prayer and retirement. In this quiet place they could make sure of their prey, for there would be no multitude to oppose them. . . . The Lord of life and glory was sold to ignominy and death by one of his disciples for a paltry sum of money." 3SP 81, 82

After Judas had made his deal, he came back and mingled with Jesus and the disciples in the Upper Room. As soon as the disciples saw Jesus, they could tell that something had made Him very sad. Jesus knew the events that would soon take place, and His heart was very heavy at the thought of the unthankfulness and

cruelty of those He had come to save. He also saw the terrible fate that was in store for these same people as a result of their actions. Usually the fellowship between Jesus and the disciples was a time of joy; but on this **Passover**, Jesus was troubled in **spirit**, and His disciples sympathized with His grief although they knew not its cause.

Study

1. When Jesus chose His disciples, did He know what kind of a man Judas was? John 6:70, 71.
2. How accurate was the prophecy of Psalm **41:9** and **55:12**, 13 in fulfillment? John 13:18, **19, 26**.
3. For what price was Jesus sold? Matthew **26:14-16**.
4. Did the money bring blessings to Judas? Matthew **27:3-8**.
5. What did **Zechariah** prophesy concerning the disciples? Zechariah 13:7.
6. What means did the chief priests and elders use in trying to condemn Jesus to death? Matthew 26:59.
7. After the testimony of the false witnesses, what sentence was passed? Matthew 26:66.
8. What indignity did Christ suffer at the hands of the mob? Matthew 26:67.
9. Did this happen only once? Matthew 27:30.
10. How did Jesus react to all this cruelty? Matthew **27:12-14**.

Research

In your own words describe the last moments of Judas' life. DA 720, last **paragraph—722**.

Match the following prophecies with the events mentioned in the lesson:

Zechariah 11:13.

Micah 5:1.

Zechariah 11:12.

Isaiah 53:7.

Matthew 26:31.

Psalm 35:11.

Isaiah 50:6.

Lesson 11

THE MESSIAH'S GREATEST CONQUEST

MEMORY VERSE: "He was **numbered** with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." *Isaiah 53:12* (last part)

Facts

"A great multitude followed the Saviour to Calvary, many mocking and deriding; but some were weeping and recounting His praise. Those whom He had healed of various infirmities, and those whom He had raised from the dead, declared His marvelous works with earnest voice, and demanded to know what Jesus had done that He should be treated as a malefactor. Only a few days before, they had attended Him with joyful **hosannas**, and the waving of palm-branches, as He rode triumphantly to Jerusalem. But many who had then shouted His praise, because it was popular to do so, now swelled the cry of '**Crucify Him! Crucify Him!**' . . .

"Upon **arriving** at the place of execution, the condemned were bound to the instruments of torture. While the two thieves wrestled in the hands of those who **stretched** them upon the cross, Jesus made no resistance. The mother of Jesus looked on with agonizing suspense, hoping that He would work a miracle to **save Himself**. . . . Bitter **grief and** disappointment filled her heart. Must she give up her faith that He was the true Messiah? Would the Son of God allow Himself to be thus cruelly slain? She saw His **hands** stretched upon the **cross—those** dear hands that had ever dispensed blessings, and **had been** reached forth so many times to heal the **suffering**. And now the hammer and nails were brought, and as the spikes were driven through the tender flesh and fastened

to the **cross**, the **heart-stricken** disciples bore away from the cruel scene the fainting form of the mother of Christ.

Jesus made no murmur of complaint; His face remained pale and serene, but great **drops** of sweat stood upon His brow. There was no pitying hand to wipe the death-dew from His face, nor words of sympathy and unchanging fidelity to stay His human heart. He was treading the **wine-press** all alone; and of all the people there was none with Him. . . .

"When Christ died upon the cross of Calvary, a new and living way was opened to both Jew and Gentile. . . . Jesus did not yield up His life till He had accomplished the work which He came to do; and He exclaimed with His parting breath, 'It is finished!' Angels rejoiced as the words were uttered; for the great plan of redemption was being triumphantly carried out." 3SP 152-154, 167

Study

1. Who prophesied the time of Christ's death? Daniel 9:26.
2. What further humiliation did Christ **suffer** at the hands of His captors? Matthew 27:27, 28.
3. What words of David were spoken by Christ? Psalm 22:1, 7, 8.
4. How hardhearted were the soldiers to Christ's **physical needs**? John 19:23, 24, 28-30.
5. **In the midst of His suffering, what gave great comfort to Jesus?** Luke 23:34.
6. **How were the words** of Exodus 12:46 fulfilled? John 19:36.
7. In your own words, tell of the burial of Jesus. Matthew 27:57-61.

Match the following Bible texts with the above questions:

Isaiah 53:12.

Psalm 69:21.

Psalm 34:20.

Psalm 22:18.

Isaiah 53:9.

Matthew 27:45-50.

Matthew 27:46.

LIFE AND LIGHT BREAK THE TOMB

MEMORY VERSE: *"And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not there: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Matthew 28:5, 6*

Facts

"Every preparation had been made at the sepulcher to prevent any surprise or fraud being perpetrated by the disciples. The night had worn slowly away, and the darkest hour before daybreak had come. The Roman guards were keeping their weary watch, the sentinels pacing to and fro before the sepulcher, while the remainder of the detachment of one hundred soldiers were reclining upon the ground in different positions, taking what rest they could. . . .

"One of the most exalted order of angels is sent from Heaven; his countenance is like the lightning, and his garments white as snow. He parts the darkness from his track, and the whole heavens are lit with his resplendent glory. The sleeping soldiers start simultaneously to their feet and gaze with awe and wonder at the open, lighted heavens, and the vision of brightness which approaches. The earth trembles and heaves; soldiers, officers, and sentinels all fall as dead men prostrate upon the earth. The evil angels, who have triumphantly claimed the body of Christ, flee in terror from the place. One of the mighty, commanding angels who has, with his company, been keeping watch over the tomb of his Master, joins the powerful angel who comes from Heaven; and together they advance directly to the sepulcher." 3SP 191, 192

The commanding angel took hold of the huge stone which had needed so many strong men to put it in place; rolling it away, he sat down on it while the other angels went into the sepulcher and unwound the wrappings from Jesus' face and head. Then the mighty angel said with a loud voice which made the earth quake, "Jesus, thou Son of God, Thy Father calls Thee!" And Jesus came out of the sepulcher as Conqueror over death, while the earth reeled, lightning flashed, and thunder roared. An earthquake marked the time when Jesus died, and now another earthquake signaled His resurrection.

After the glory of the angels had faded from the sepulcher, the Roman soldiers warily raised their heads

to look around. They saw that the great stone had been rolled away from the door of the sepulcher; and when they got up and looked inside the tomb, they found it empty. They were overwhelmed and started back to the city, telling everyone they met what they had seen and heard. Meanwhile a messenger was sent to the priests, telling them that Christ, whom they had crucified, was risen from the dead. "When the priests, scribes, and rulers heard this account, their faces were blanched to a deadly pallor. They could not utter a word. With horror they perceived that two-thirds of the prophecy concerning Messiah had now been fulfilled, and their hearts failed them with fear of what might be about to take place. . . . They felt that they had placed themselves where they had no alternative but to brave it out, and deny Christ to the very last." 3SP 196, 197

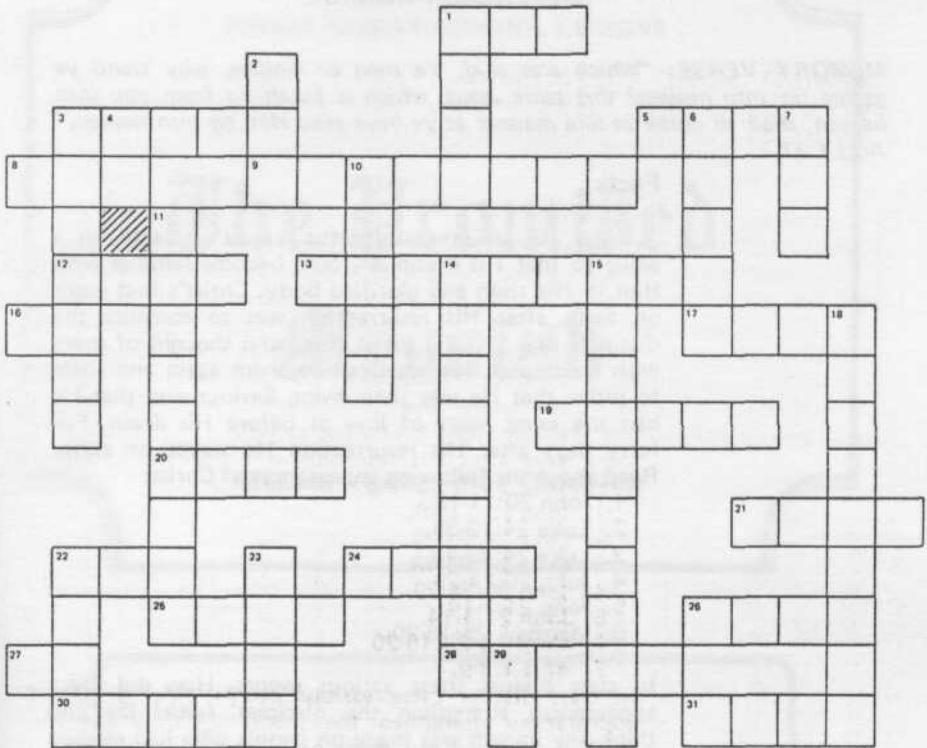
Study

1. What precautions were taken to keep Jesus in the tomb? Matthew 27: 64-66.
2. Why were these precautions ordered? Matthew 27:63.
3. Were they effective? Matthew 28:2-4.
4. On which day did Jesus die? Luke 23:54.
5. When did He arise? Luke 24:1-3.
6. What did David prophesy concerning Jesus? Acts 2:30, 31.
7. Where is Jesus now? 1 Peter 3:22.
8. Has the prophecy of Zechariah been fulfilled? Zechariah 6:13.

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Answer Sheet For Word Puzzle

Matthew 28:1-10



ACROSS

1. It was the first _____ of the **week** (v. 1).
3. "He is _____" (v. 6).
5. "The other _____" (v. 1).
8. The angel _____ on the stone (v. 2).
9. Went away (v. 8).
12. First woman mentioned in verse 1.
13. The other name of 12 across (v. 1).
16. The angel said, "Fear not _____" (v. 5).
17. Another name for Jesus (v. 6).
19. The angel rolled this back (v. 2).
20. "_____not ye" (v. 5).
21. Look for (v. 5).
22. **The women** came to the sepulchre to _____ (v. 1).
24. "Go **quickly**, and _____" (v. 7).
25. Not alive (v. 4).
26. They _____ His feet (v. 9).
27. "_____, I have told you" (v. 7).
28. Tremble (v. 4).

30. The angel talked to them (v. 5).
31. They ran to bring His disciples this (v. 8).

DOWN

1. The stone was rolled from the _____ (v. 2).
2. The sabbath was at an _____ (v. 1).
3. Clothing (v. 3).
4. "And sat upon _____" (v. 2).
6. He rolled back the stone (v. 2).
7. "**He** goeth before _____ into Galilee" (v. 7).
10. What **the women were** to see (v. 6).
11. How Jesus died (v. 5).
14. Followers (v. 7).
15. "There was a great _____" (v. 2).
18. Came down (v. 2).
22. "**White** as _____" (v. 3).
23. Turn to daylight (v. 1).
29. Word used three times in verse 6.

THE FINAL PROMISE

MEMORY VERSE: *"Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Acts 1:11*

Facts

After His resurrection, Jesus stayed on earth for a while so that His disciples would become familiar with Him in His risen and glorified body. Christ's first work on earth after His resurrection was to convince the disciples that He still loved them and thought of them with tenderness. He appeared to them again and again to prove that He was their living Saviour and that He had the same heart of love as before His death. For forty days after His resurrection He stayed on earth. Read about the following appearances of Christ:

1. John 20:11-18.
2. Luke 24:13-35.
3. Luke 24:36-48.
4. John 20:24-29.
5. John 21:1-14.
6. Matthew 28:16-20.
7. Acts 1:3-9.

In class discuss these various events. How did these appearances strengthen the disciples' faith? Do you think any impact was made on people who had refused to accept Christ's divinity? In what way did this affect the carrying of the gospel? How important do you think those forty days Jesus spent on earth after resurrection were? Why?

Study

1. Were the above mentioned instances the only ones during which Jesus appeared? John 20:30.
2. Why were all of them not recorded? John 20:31.
3. Why is the incident of John 21:15-22 recorded? Read DA 811, middle paragraphs.
4. What assurance was given to the disciples? Acts 1:10, 11.