

occupying two days more by slow journey to Bethany, He found the funeral obsequies past, and the mourning ceremony in operation. To appear there after the death of Lazarus and raise him from the tomb, would be more evidence of Christ's Messiahship than to heal him from his sickness, because the Jews attributed such work to malign influences alone.

2. Dean Alford considers it evident from the peculiar construction of the original text that this question was an adverse criticism of the Lord's apparent helplessness, His tears were to them a mark of His lack of, power to help the situation. The healing of the blind man (chapter 9) to them was surely a fraud, for had Jesus power to heal one so beloved, He certainly would not have delayed so long His appearance in Bethany.
3. Already, in the quiet of His own heart, Jesus had communed with God, and knew that His prayer regarding Lazarus was answered. In His audible prayer, therefore, He simply thanked the Father for hearing, that others might be benefited and the name of God glorified by what was to follow.
4. In effect Caiaphas said: "You have not considered that it is expedient for you, in view of your interests as priests and rabbis, that this one man should die, to save Israel from the certain destruction that threatens it, if you would let Him stir up a Messianic revolt ; for in that case the whole nation would perish. The Romans will come with their legions, and close our temple, annul our independence by abolishing our laws, and waste us with fire and sword."—*Geikie's Life of Christ*, vol. 2, 15. 31, 6.

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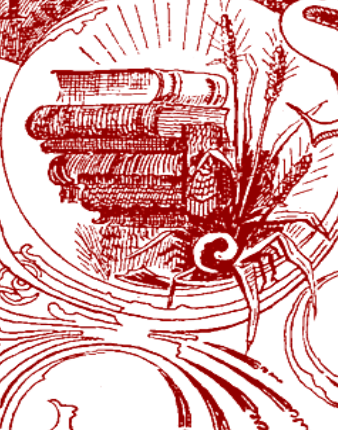
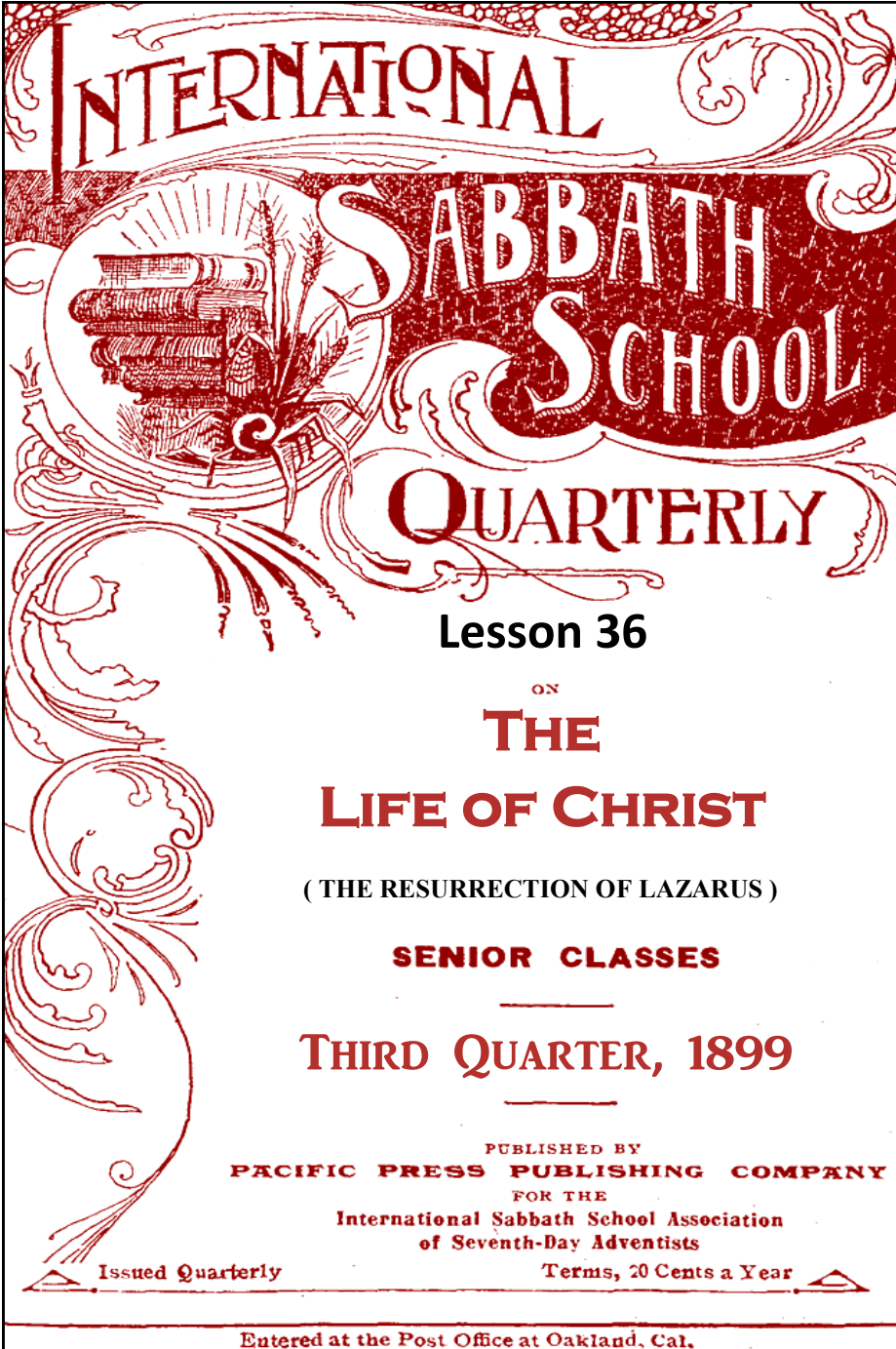
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**Bethany, A. D. 30. February 4, 1899. (John.' : 1-32.)
In the Desert Near the Jordan, Spring of A. D. 27.
(Matt. 3: 1-12; Luke 3:1;15)**

*Side Texts to be
studied with
questions*

1. IN the extremity of Lazarus' sickness, what message did his sisters send to Jesus? Why? John 11: 1-5.
2. How long did Jesus remain in Perea after receiving this message? What conversation followed Christ's announcement that He would return to -Judea? Verses 6-14.
3. What object had Jesus in delaying His journey to Bethany? Verse 15. **See note 1.**
4. When He arrived there, how long had Lazarus been dead ? Verse 17.
5. Whom did Jesus find at Bethany on His arrival? Verses 18, 19.
6. While still outside of the town, who went out to meet Jesus? Verse 20.
7. Upon meeting the Lord, what conversation passed between 'Him and Martha? Verses 21-27.
8. When Martha returned to the house with a message from Jesus to Mary, what did she immediately do? Verses 28-30.
9. Did the Jews present suspect her mission.? Verse 31.
10. When :Mary met Jesus, with what words did she greet Him? Verse 32.

Luke to : 38-42 ;
John 9 : 3.

Deut. 31:16,
margin ; Acts
7:60; 1 Cor.15:51

John 5: 21 ;
Col. 3:4.

John 11:21.

11. How was Jesus troubled at her presence? Verses 33-35.
12. When the Jews saw Jesus weeping, what reproachful words did they offer? Verses 36, 37. **See note 2.**
13. Knowing the sentiments of some of these Jews, with what feelings did Jesus approach the grave? Verse 38.
14. What word of authority then came from the Saviour's lips and what reply did Martha make? Verse 39.
15. With what words did Jesus reprove the unbelief of Martha? Verse 40.
16. When the stone was removed from the grave, what confiding words did Jesus offer to God ? Verses 41, 42. **See note 3.**
17. What word of command was then uttered? With what effect? Verses 43, 44.
18. While many of the Jews were constrained to believe in Jesus, what did some of them do? Verses 45, 46.
19. In the council that followed, what fears were expressed? Verses 47, 48.
20. What counsel did the high priest then offer? Verses 49-52. See note 4.

John 9:18

John 12: 30.

Acts 4 :16, 17.

John 18 :14

READING.

" Desire of Ages," chapter 58.
"Spirit of Prophecy," vol. 2, chapter 31.

NOTES.

1. Lazarus probably died about the time Jesus received the message bearing the news of his dangerous condition. Remaining in His place two days, and then