

# IN HIS LIFETIME JESUS TAUGHT US

(Covet 19)

Tune: **MANNEIM** 878787

Melody from a chorale by

Feiedrich Filitz 1804-76

Adaptation attributed

Lowell Mason 1792-1872

1. In his lifetime Jesus taught us  
To observe and then reflect  
On the laws that nature teaches  
If we pause and then inspect,  
Be it plant or bird or seed life, \*  
To affirm or to reject.
  
2. In the midst of fear and dying  
What can Covet nineteen teach?  
Wherein lies its wak'ning wisdom?  
What new truth can we now reach?  
Every process holds a wisdom  
That is nature's form of speech.
  
3. We had thought small has a value  
Less than large when it's assessed  
Yet a microscopic virus  
Can unleash what now seems cursed  
Teaching us what seemed important  
Can no longer quench our thirst.
  
4. Free and open market theory  
Says that more is always best.  
Competition will protect us  
From the plight of all the rest  
But as viral plague was spreading  
Rich and poor became it's nest.
  
5. When the lives of all are threatened  
Kindness soon becomes the norm  
Binding all of us together  
As we ride the viral storm  
For the Way of Jesus leads us  
To embrace what's wise and warm.

*\*Matt. 6/28 Luke 12/24 Matt. 13/31*

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The musical score consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The score is marked with a '1' above the first measure of each system, indicating the beginning of a phrase. The melody is a simple, diatonic line, and the accompaniment provides a steady harmonic support. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.