



Christ and his Disciples on the Mount of Olives.

PALESTINE.

8. PALESTINE, or the Holy Land, occupies the south-easternmost part of Syria. It is the most celebrated country in the world; and remarkable for being the scene of most of the events recorded in the sacred scriptures.

9. The surface is diversified with mountains and valleys. Of the former, Lebanon has been long noted for its tall cedars; Pisgah, for the view it gave Moses of the Promised Land; Tabor, for the transfiguration of Christ; and the Mount of Olives, for being the scene of the ascension of the Saviour to heaven.

10. Jerusalem, the once famous capital of the Jewish nation, where David and Solomon reigned, and which was so often the resort of Christ and his disciples, is now a gloomy, mean town, owing its chief support to the veneration in which it is held by Christians, Jews, and Mahomedans, which still procures it the visits of many pious pilgrims.

11. Bethlehem, six miles south of Jerusalem, is remarkable for being the birth-place of our Saviour. Nazareth, where he resided until he commenced his ministry, is, next to Jerusalem, the most holy place in Palestine. Gaza, Joppa, and Acre, are the principal towns on the coast.

Map No. 23.—How is Turkey bounded? What river flows into the Persian Gulf? Es.—What flows into the Euphrates? Ts.—How

Syria form? 6. What is said of the country? 7. Damascus? 8. Describe Palestine. The surface. Mountains, &c. Jerusalem. Bethlehem. Nazareth, &c.