

present from the dark streets of the time when Jesus walked through them on this last sad night of His life! Now the streets are bright with electric light. Then the law required people who were out after dark to carry lanterns. If people were belated and had no lantern with them, paper lanterns might be bought from vendors in the streets. (You have all seen Chinese paper lanterns.)

Enemies of King Jesus—Our story last Sunday ended with Jesus' words to His disciples. "See! The one that is going to betray Me is at hand!" (Recall Lesson.) As Jesus spoke these words, He sees coming along the road from Jerusalem a band of soldiers and a crowd following carrying lanterns and swords and staves. And there at the head of the crowd is Judas! The traitor, who is going to betray his master Jesus into the hands of His enemies.

Ready to Die—Let us look at Jesus as He goes forward to meet His enemies, calm, ready to do God's will, ready to die.

Judas' Kiss—Explain the custom of greeting friends (see Lesson Explained). Judas had planned with the soldiers that he would lead them to the place where Jesus and His disciples are and the man whom he would kiss will be Jesus, whom they are to take prisoner

and lead back to Jerusalem. See Judas running to Jesus, putting his hands upon His shoulders and kissing Him, saying, "Hail, master!" (But Judas did not deceive Jesus.) Listen to Jesus, "Friend, do that for which thou art come." Then the soldiers took hold of Jesus and led Him away back to Jerusalem to be tried before the high priest.

Golden Text—Repeat and explain.

Judas' Sorrow—Tell of Judas' sorrow after the bad deed was done (ch. 27 : 3-10), and his death.

The Best Time to be Sorry—The best time to be sorry is before we do anything wrong. We'll be sure to be sorry afterwards (illustrations). If we have done wrong, what is the best thing to do about it?

Beware of Small Sins—Small sins lead to greater ones. Judas was greedy, jealous, hateful, revengeful. He knew that Jesus knew his wicked heart and that made him turn against Jesus.

Loyal to Jesus—The first skating had come. "Come on down to the pond for a skate," I heard some boys calling to another group just entering the church door. "No we'll not go," was the reply. Which boys were loyal to Jesus?

To Remember—I SHOULD BE LOYAL TO JESUS.

FROM THE PLATFORM

THE TRAITOR'S DEED DESPAIR DEATH

Ask the School for the name which we apply to one who betrays his cause to the enemy. We call him a traitor. Who was THE TRAITOR (Print) in the little band of disciples? It was Judas, of course. What was this traitor's DEED (Print as above)? Whom did he betray? To whom did he betray Jesus? The Jewish rulers had proved themselves the enemies of Jesus and of His cause. Jesus was supposed to be, not the enemy of Jesus, but one of His close friends. It was this fact which made his deed so terrible. Ask the School whether it is possible for us to betray Jesus to-day, and how it can be done. When Judas discovered the sad consequences of his deed, into what state of mind did he fall? Into DESPAIR (Fill in). Perhaps he had imagined he could secure the money while Jesus escaped. What did his despair lead to? To his DEATH (Fill in).