

LESSON VII.

CHRIST BETRAYED AND ARRESTED

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John 18: 1-14. Commit to memory vs. 3-5. Compare Matt. 26: 47-56; Mark 14: 43-52; Luke 22: 47-53.

1. When Je'sus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the (1) brook (3) Ced'ron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples.

2. (8) And Ju'das also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Je'sus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples.

3. Ju'das then, having received (4) a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Phar'isees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.

4. Je'sus therefore, knowing all (5) things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye?

5. They answered him, Je'sus of Na'sareth. Je'sus saith unto them, I am he. And Ju'das also, which betrayed him, stood with them.

6. (6) As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward and fell to the ground.

7. (7) Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Je'sus of Na'sareth.

8. Je'sus answered, I (8) have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:

9. That the (9) saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of (10) him which thou gavest me have I lost none.

10. Then (11) Si'mon Pe'ter having a sword drew it, and (12) smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Mal'chus.

11. Then (13) said Je'sus unto Pe'ter, Put up (14) thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

12. Then (15) the band, and the captain and officers of the Jews took Je'sus, and bound him,

13. And led him away to An'nas first; for he was father-in-law to Cai'aphas, which was the high priest that same year.

14. Now Cai'aphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

Revised Version.—(4) Margin, Or ravine (Greek, winter torrent); (2) Or of the cedars; (3) Now; (4) The band of soldiers, Margin, Or cohort; (5) All the things that were coming; (6) When therefore he said; (7) Again therefore; (8) I told you; (9) Word; (10) Of those whom thou hast given me I lost not one; (11) Simon Peter therefore; (12) Struck; (13) Jesus therefore said; (14) The sword; (15) So the band (Or cohort) and the chief captain (Or military tribune, Greek chiliarch) and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus

GOLDEN TEXT

"He is despised and rejected of men." Isa. 53: 3.

DAILY READINGS

M.—Matt. 26: 14-25. The Betrayer.

T.—Luke 22: 39-46. Gethsemane.

W.—John 18: 1-14. Christ betrayed and arrested.

Th.—Matt. 26: 47-56. Betrayed with a kiss.

F.—Matt. 27: 3-10. The traitor's end.

S.—John 6: 60-71. Foreknown.

A.—Acts 1: 15-23. Reward of iniquity.

LESSON PLAN

CHRIST BETRAYED AND ARRESTED.

I. Base Treachery, 1-3.
On the part of Judas.

II. Heavenly Authority, 4-9.
Shown in the dismay of His enemies, and the preservation of His followers.

III. Rash Folly, 10.
On the part of Peter.

IV. Voluntary Surrender, 11-14.
Because His Father has so appointed it.

LESSON HYMNS Book of Praise, 91, 47, 256, 534, 262.

CONNECTING LINKS

This lesson brings before us the incidents of Gethsemane. The instruction of last chapter is continued through chapters 15 and 16, closing with the beautiful prayer of chapter 17. After singing a hymn (Matt. 26: 30), He went with His disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane. Leaving eight of them at the gate as a guard, He took the remaining three, Peter, James and John (Mk. 14: 33) farther into the Garden, where He agonized in prayer. Then followed His betrayal and arrest.

EXPOSITION

I. Base Treachery, 1-3.

V. 1. "These words", the prayer of chapter 17. "It went forth": from the supper-chamber to the street. "The brook Cedron." It was a ravine or winter-torrent, dry the rest of the year, rather than a brook. It began north of Jerusalem, and ran between the city and the Mount of Olives to the Dead Sea. "Cedron" (Kedron)

means "Black" in the Hebrew. The waters were dark and turbid. Some authorities read "the Brook of Cedars." The Greek for "cedars" and the Hebrew for "black" are alike in sound, and so both names may have been current. "A garden," probably a cultivated olive orchard. The supposed site contains eight olive trees, which are said to have been growing

TIME

& The nights of Thursday and Friday, April 6 and 7, A.D. 30.

PLACE.

The Garden of Gethsemane, and afterwards the high priest's palace.

CATECHISM

Q. 59. Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?

A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath.