

and kissed Him as if he had been His friend and was glad to see Him. Then he whispered to the soldiers: "Don't let Him get away." Jesus then said to Judas: "Friend, why do you kiss me?" He knew that Judas was a coward. Then turning to the soldiers Jesus asked: "Why do you come here with swords and lanterns? For whom are you searching?" They answered, "We are looking for Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered "I am he."

As He spoke, they seemed to feel that He was something more than a man: that He must be from heaven; and they went backward and fell to the ground. Then Jesus said again: "Whom seek ye? I have told you who I am and you may take Me if you wish; only you must do no harm to My disciples." For Jesus had given His promise always to protect them.

Now Peter could not bear to see his Master in trouble and wanted to fight for Him. Pulling a sword out of his belt, he struck the High Priest's servant and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

But Jesus said to Peter: "Put away your sword. There must be no quarrelling"; and He touched the servant's bleeding ear and made it well again. Then turning to His frightened followers, He said: "Do you

not know that, if I should ask My Father, He would at once send thousands of angels to carry me away; but I am quite willing to stay and die for your sakes."

Soon the soldiers, though Jesus was making no struggle, began to catch hold of Him roughly and to tie His hands with ropes, dragging Him away to be judged.

Then the terrified disciples all ran away, and Jesus was left alone with the wicked priests and soldiers.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who told the wicked men that Jesus had gone to the Garden? 2. What did they take with them? 3. What time of day was it? 4. How did Judas point out which was Jesus? 5. Did Jesus know what Judas was doing? 6. Why did He not try to get away? 7. Whom did He say His Father would send if He should ask Him? 8. What did Jesus say to the soldiers about His disciples? 9. Which of them wanted to fight? 10. What did Peter do to the High Priest's servant? 11. What did Jesus say to Peter? 12. What did He do for the wounded man? 13. How did the soldiers behave when Jesus told them who He was? 14. Why was Jesus so meek and quiet? 15. What is the Golden Text of this lesson?



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Jesus wants me to be true to Him



Primary Catechism — 17. What are God's works? The world and everything in it, the sun, the moon, and the stars.

Shorter Catechism—65. What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment forbiddeth the neglecting of, or doing anything against the honour and duty which belongeth to everyone in their several places and relations.

Lesson Hymn

True-hearted, whole-hearted, faithful, and loyal,
King of our lives, by Thy grace we will be!
Under Thy standard exalted and royal,
Strong in Thy strength, we will battle for Thee.

*Peal out the watchword, and silence it never,
Song of our spirits rejoicing and free,—
'True-hearted, whole-hearted, now and forever,
King of our lives, by Thy grace we will be!'*

Amen.

—Hymn 245, Book of Praise