Titus, a Comrade of the Cross A TALE OF THE CHRIST FOR THE CHRISTMAS-TIDE.

memory of wondrous dreams, but can-not tell clearly what they were like. He was also praising and blessing God,

and ascribing equal praises to the Nazarene, Whom he called the Son of

Nazarene, Whom he called the bon God, and the Consolation of Israel." God, and the Consolation of Israel."

the high priest, looking sternly at his favorite servant. "No disciple of the

I am not a disciple," replied Mal-

The speaker was the venerable An-

that it will be exceedingly diffi-

Thou knowest nothing at all !'

Joseph, and he was a native of Arim-

Thou hast spoken wisely," said An-

" Let the man Lazarus alone !" said

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er to put any man to death.'

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blasphemer shall serve me.'

Caiaphas ground his teeth.

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CHAPTER XXII.-CONTINUED.

"I have seen Him," answered Prisca. "And I always longed to speak with Him, that I might thank Him for the healing of my Stephen. But I dared not; the sin in my heart was too great. I had almost put it under my feet, till I

saw Him in Capernaum." "He is the Sinless One," said Mary thou question others concerning the thing, as I hade thee ?" gravely. "But didst thou never hear Him say that He had come to this world, out of heaven above, to save those that sinned

Said He that ?" cried Prisca eager

The man looked gravely at his master. "Tis regarded as a veritable miracle in Bethany," he said; "I made the most careful investigation, even as thou didst command me, questioning many discreet and prudent persons concern-ing the matter. I also examined the tomb in which he lay. The man was unquestionably dead, and had been buried four days; but how the Nazar-ene was able to restore him to life, exly. "And how save them ?" "He hath said, not once but many times, that 'whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have ever-"The simplife, '' said Mary simple Thou art sure that He said ene was able to restore him to life, ex-cept by the power of God, I know not ;

He hath said it-not once, but many times," answered the mother of Jesus "And what is it that I must believe?" nor could any one tell me." "Keep thy senses, man! Let not the evil one prevail over thee!" said

asked Prisca, trembling in her eager "That He came down from God, to

seek and to save that which was lost; and that He is able to accomplish that for which He came," answered Mary. "How could I help but believe that?

chus, looking down upon the ground. "But the thing is beyond my under--did He not save my Stephen from worse than death !" Clasping her thin standing." "Enough !" said Caiaphas, with an impatient gesture. "Leave me and prepare the council chamber. Let it be in readiness within an hour." hands, she cried out joyfully : " I believe that He is able !" Then she closed her eyes and lay so quiet that Mary thought she slept. Presently stole into the room, and stood

"We have dealt gently with this thing too long already; the Man must be put out of the way, and that speedbeside the bed, looking down at his What thinkest thou ?" he asked in

a low voice. " Doth she mend ?" At the sound of his voice, the sick nas. He was the centre of an excited

woman opened her eyes. "I have been a great sinner above most," she said group in the council chamber of the high priest. "If we let Him thus faintly. "But He came to save me, and I am at peace. Thou wilt find Titus-give him this. She will tell alone, as we have been doing for a three years now, all men will believe on Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation ; Then the dark eyes closed again, and thee al

and deservedly so. He should have been dealt with long ago—'twas my ad-vice then, and could have been easily followed in the bedienies bet and for the last time. The two sat beside the bed and watched the quiet sleeper through the long hours of the night. followed in the beginning ; but the matter hath now assumed such an as-Just at dawn, the pale lips moved, and Stephen, stooping down, caught two words : "Stephen—Jesus." Then the cult to bring about His death." stopped altogether. She "I am not in favor of putting the faint breath

had entered into everlasting life. After the simple funeral, which took Man to death," said Nicodemus, in his mild tenes. "For in my opinion He hath done nothing worthy of death." place, in accordance with the Eastern ustom, at evening of the same day, ard from the lips of Mary broke out Caiphas, passionately, " nor dost consider that it is expedient Stephen

the story of Titus. He was greatly moved. "Poor mother !" he said. "No wonder she for us that one Man should die for the mother !'' he said. "No wonder she wept, with such a burden on her heart. She was a timid soul and lived always a people, and that the whole nation per-ish not." Nicodemus looked at him for

ment in silence. "Thou art the high priest," he said solemnly. "Jehovah speaketh through thy words ; but God life of terror." Then he told the mother of Jesus all that he knew of his father's evil life. "He is all I have left now," he said forbid that we put an innocent Man to death. For my part I will have noth-ing further to do with this thing." bitterly when he had finished.

Dost thou mean that ?" said Mary. " Dost thou mean that?" said Mary, "No! A thousand times no!" cried Stephen impetuously, as he caught her meaning. "Didst thou hear my mother's last words? In that moment art one of His disciples," said Annas with a sneer. "Thou art therefore out of place in the council of the San when with her dying breath she coupled my name with His, I knew what I must do. I shall give my whole life to Him."

hedrim. Go hence, and join thy illus-trious Master, the carpenter, and His followers Whom He hath gathered from do. I shall give my whole life to Him." "Though shalt indeed," said Mary, gazing away over the hills with a solemn the refuse of the earth." Nicodemus made no reply ; but he look in her deep eyes. "But I know not what the future hath in store for arose and passed out of the council chamber in dignified silence. "Let Him go !" said Jochanan. Him. He hath bitter enemies ; some-times I fear for His life." And she "Let Him go !" said Jochanan. "Tis not meet that we lose time in discussing what is sufficiently obvious turned to Stephen with a tremulous

quiver of her sweet, firm month. "Is He not the Beloved of the Father ?" said Stephen simply. "And is the Father not able to save Him from the hand of His enemies ?" "He shall make His enemies His to all the rest of our number." As he spoke, he glanced around the circle, and a little murmur of applause fol-

footstool,' even as it is written," answered Mary in a firm voice, " and He shall triumph gloriously." Stephen regarded her with awe. "To

silence she said

selves unfriendly to the Church of the serves unif-nearly to temple beareth wit-ness to the fact; we must not forget it, nor blindly risk being crushed by the iron hand of Rome. We must rather

nor blindly risk being crushed by the iron hand cf Rome. We must rather seek to ally ourselves to them in every way in our power. If this man Jesus can be convieted of plotting against the Government, our work will be prac-tically done. We can then deliver Him over into the hand of Pilate, assured that He will be dealt with after His de-that He will be dealt with after His dethe people?" "The people all cried aloud, "Hallelujah! and Hosanna to the Son of David!" All Bethany hath gone mad over the thing; such a wonder hath never been heard of." serts. To-morrow, especially, let Him be watched closely; in such a case as this, the Sabbath laws must be relaxed so that we shall be enabled to perform this work—which is assuredly one of "Tisa palpable ite, and hath been invented by this fellow and his followers to make an uproar at feast time ! Didst then emotion robe.

At this moment a loud knocking was heard at the door of the council cham-ber. Caiphas looked astonished. "Who dareth to interrupt us in our deliberations!" he said aloud. "But The man looked gravely at his master.

deliberations !" he said aloud. "But stay ! It must be something of im-portance !" And he beckoned to one his brothers-in-law to open the door. The man returned almost instantly, and said in a low voice : " 'Tis one of the followers of the Nazarene. He would speak with the high priest."

Caiphas hesitated. "Wilt thou not command that He be brought before us ?" suggested Annas. "It may be that he hath repented himself of his folly in joining the Man ; he might in that case be disposed to give ssistance. " Let Him be brought in," said Cai-

phas. There was a silence in the chamber, broken only by the footfalls of the man who now entered. As he stopped and hesitated at sight of the imposing as-semblage it could be seen that he was of low stature, and of a singularly sin-

ister cast of countenance. Annas smiled genially as his eye fell upon the new-comer. "Wilt thou not come forward and ac-

quaint us with thy desires ?" he said in his most honeyed tones. The man looked at him. "Art thou

the high priest ?" he asked hoarsely. "I am the high priest, fellow ! What wouldst thou with me ?" demand-

ed Caiphas impatiently. But Annas touched him warningly, "Thou hast come, my good man, to speak with us in regard to the Nazar-

ene ; is it not so ?" he asked. The man's face brightened, and an evil light shone in his eyes. "Aye!" he said in a loud voice, "I have! I can no longer abide His presence. hath been made known to me that thou art His enemy, therefore am I come."

"Ah!" said Annas softly, "thou wouldst fain return to the bosom of the thou Church of thy fathers, and cease thy wanderings in by and forbidden paths; am I not right?"

am I not right?" "I care not for the Church!" was the bold reply, "any more than the Church careth for me. But I want

money; what wilt thou give me if I be-tray Him into thy hands?" Caiphas started to his feet, while joy sparkled in his eyes. "What will I give thee?" he exclaimed. "Why, what wilt thou give me if I be-

But Annas checked him, saying in a We have long suspected that thou low voice: "Let me manage the fellow, my son; I understand this sort as thou " Thon art therefore st not." Then he went on judicially "It were worth no great sum, assuredly, my good man, since we already know where He is to be found. Still, thou mightest be of assistance to us, and we are disposed to be generous. What sayest thou to twenty pieces of silver?'

supest thou to twenty pieces of silver?" The man looked down. "Tis too little he said, sullenly "Thou knowest not His haunts as I do." "True," said Annas smoothly. "I will even increase the amount by half. Deliver Him into our hands safely, and at a time when there shall be no uproar of the people, and we will give thee thirty pieces of silver -'tis a goodly But there was one who did not join in and not to be despised.

The man shuffled uneasily on his feet, the applause. He was 'Joking steadily upon the floor at his feet, his fingers busying themselves uneasily with his evidences of wealth on every side. But

long beard. The name of this man was Joseph, and he was a native of Arim-Caiphas, in a fury of impatience, was

him. "Nay, I am not a beggar! I want only what is justly due me." Then looking full into the eyes of Annas, he hissed: "Thou shalt have Him! Do not doubtit; forl hate Him, Donot doubt ti; forl hate Him, about with the grandeur of a king. Didst thou see how even the children and the women approached Him feareven as Thon dost !" After that he turned and went swift-

lessly?" "Tis true," said one who had hither-"Tis true, "If He be a king, He ly, away, without once looking behind to been silent. "If He be a king, He is a king apart from the kings of this earth. His followers be humble men. CHAPTER XXIV.

Philip turned himself about, and as

"I would have speech with Thee for

Philip looked troubled. "Friend

"He will not receive us, then !" said

Nay friend-thou art over-hasty,

s ever merciful and hath compassion

Master doeth us honor.

may be that even we, Gentiles though

made no answer. Then, lifting up his eyes, he said: "The Master is at

And the Greeks, looking earnestly in

the direction to which he pointed, saw approaching them the Jesus Whom they

had longed for. They bowed in lowli-est reverence before Him, and Jesus, lifting up His face to heaven, said :

"The hour is come that the Son of

man should be glorified.

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"I want to go home, mother! Why must we stay here so long?" and the child tugged impatiently at his mother's earth. His followers be humble men. One of them is known to me. He hath a Greek name-Philip. Let us seek Ilim and inquire further of this matter." And forthwith they all entered into the

"Nay, my child, thou must be patient. We have not long to wait now. See, here is a cake for thee; eat And forthwith they all entered into the eity and sought the temple. For there they hoped to find the man Philip. As they passed into the court of the Gentiles, the quick eye of Rufus caught it while I tell thee again why here, for thou must remember this day to thy latest breadth." ight of the man of whom he had spoken about to pass into the inner court, whither these foreigners could not come. Starting forward hastily, Rufus

"Tell me," said the child, between his mouthfuls, looking up into his touched him on the shoulder and said in a low voice: "A word with thee, mother's face. "When thou wert a babe, my Gogo,

thou wast nigh unto death; and this good friend." Jesus healed thee." "Thou hast told me that many times! his eye fell upon the swarthy face of the Greek, he drew back a little, and said somewhat coldly; "Ah, Rufus, 'tis thou! What wilt Give me another cake; I am hungry.' "Yes, my son, I have told thee many

d it not been for this Jesus times, for h thus, for had it not been for this Jesus, thou wouldst even now be lying in the grave—and I should be childless! My child! My love!" And the mother embraced the little form with passion thou? a moment," replied Rufus. "I and certain of my countrymen-like myself

ate tenderness. "Why dost thou hold me so tight converts to the religion of the Jews have come up to the feast, and to-day we saw the Man who is called the prophet of Nazareth as He entered into the city; and certain strange things concerning Him have come to our ears. Sir, we would fain see this Jesus for mother ?" asked the boy, shaking the curls out of his eyes. "Oh! see that lovely bird !" "Never mind the bird, child, but

listen! This Jesus is a king-the Messiah. To-day He is coming along this road, and thou shalt see Him." ourselves, that we also may learn of Him. "A king! Will he wear a crown?

"I know not. It may be. We shall see. But look at the people !--thou-sands upon thousands of them! We have a good place here. We shall be thou art a Gentile notwithstanding that

thou hast turned from idohatry to the true faith. I know not whether this may be. And yet—stay! I will con-sult with another of our number. Wait here: I will return speedily." So saynear Hin ' Nay, I like it not ; I care not to

see a king. I would rather play. Let ing, he turned away and was quickly lost to view in the crowd which filled us go home !" "Hark! Dost thou hear that ?"

cried another woman who stood near. "They are coming! What is it that

he place. The Greek beckoned to his compar ions, "Thou wert right, mine Apelles," he said bitterly: "these Jews cannot forget that we are but strangers withthey are saying—' Hosanna ! Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He to the Son of David. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord ! Hosanna in the highest!' Ah, 'tis a blessed day! To think that we should Apelles in a tone of deep disappoint-ment. "Let up depart out of this place, and I care not whether I ever relive to see it! But see the people running! They are stripping down the palm leaves !

Why do they do that, mother ?' "Why do they do that, again questioned the little one. "Thou shalt sit on my shoulder and "Thou shalt sit on my shoulder and turn

and can see further than I. thou?" "I see many people coming-and Man riding upon a mule," replied the

child. "Yes! yes!" said the other woman "I see also. Can it be He? The people are shouting and throwing the nalm branches before Him! See! they strip off their garments, and lay the

also in the road !' And now the procession was close at hand; and the whole multitude of the on the lowliest," he added. The proud, sensitive face of Apelles flushed at these words, but Andronicus disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saymade answer: we be, shall yet render Him some ser-vice which shall be acceptable unto

"Give thou the triumph, O Jehovah, to the Son of David ! Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, now to Him. be restored in the name of Jehovah. sed be He that cometh the King of Israel, in the name of Jehovah! peace and salvation are from God above! Praise be He in the highest heavens ! From the highest heavens send Thou ow salvation

now salvation !" "Look at Him, child! 'Tis the King—the Messiah! Shout now with me—Hosanna to the King! Hosanna to the Son of David!"

to the Son of David!" "Hold thy peace, woman! Art thou mad, that thou teachest thy innocent babe to blaspheme?" The woman, startled by these harsh words, turned about and fixed her eyes, large with fright, upon the speaker. She saw that he was a Pharison and

answer; he was pressing forward into the throng which surrounded the

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"Hearest Thou what

Master.

Then looking searchingly into the earnest faces before Him, He continued, Verily, verily I say unto you, except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die, it abideth by itself alone; but if it die. it beareth much fruit. He that whither I go. v clasping the little one closer to loveth His life loseth it, and He that hateth His life in this world shall commandment I give unto you, That ye breast, she said : "I know not what thou sayest. He is the Saviour of my child; therefore I praise Him." But the man paid no need to her love one another, even as I have loved keep it unto life eternal. If any man you.

said, "that we may again speak with Him

But the Jews believed not, for their eyes were blinded to the light, and their souls were filled with bitterness and envy.

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Yet because of the voice from heaven ome even of the rulers believed ; bu they durst not confess it because they loved the glory of men more than the glory of God. Verily, they

CHAPTER XXV.

"Yonder is a man bearing a pitcher. Dost see him? He is about to turn up the street." "I see Him," said Peter looking

"I see Him," said reter looking earnestly in the direction in which John was pointing. "Let us follow quickly, lest he escape out of our sight." So the two followed the man, who presently paused before the gateway of

house, seemingly that of a well-to-do amily. The two entered boldly in after family.

the pitcher-bearer, who turned to stare at them with amazement. "We would see the master of the "We would see the manual way house," said Peter authoritively.

The man made obeisance. here for a moment, good sirs, and I will fetch him," he said, looking curiously at the two.

sought it, but edged ability Presently he returned, followed by an elderly man. "If thou art the master of the house." carriages at said Peter, fixing his eyes upon him, whose faces they led, a c the prevailing

'I have a message for thee." The man bowed his head. "Speak,"

he replied, "and I will listen." "This is my message," continued Peter. "The Master saith unto thee, 'Where is the guest chamber, where I shall eat the Passover with My dis-

"'Tis the word I received in my dream," murmured the man, as if to himself. "Lo, I have prepared the chamber, and it is ready. Follow Me.'

They followed him, and he showed them a large upper room, furnished with everything needful for the feast. And hey made ready the Passover.

And when it was evening Jesus came with His disciples, that they might eat of the supper. As they reclined, at the table, Jesus being in the midst, He looked about upon the twelve and said : "With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

adom of God. And as they were eating, He said: "Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray Me." And they were all astonished and ex-

said Rufus, smiling at the impetuous young man. "We have directions to wait here until the follower of the ceeding sorrowful, and began every on Nazarene hath made sure of the matter. of them to say unto him : "Lord, is Nevertheless He reminded me that was a Gentile. 'Tis a name that I hate! But see! he is returning.

Now John, who was especially beloved by the Master, was next to "We have spoken with the Master at the table. Peter, looking at him attentively, motioned that he should ask Jesus who it was of whom he had concerning thee," said Philip, "and since it is unlawful for thee to come to Him in the inner courts of the temple, He will even come forth unto thee. He

spoken. And John said very softly, so as to be heard by no one save the Master, "Lord, who is it?"

And Jesus, in the same low tone, made answer : "'Tis he to whom I shall give a morsel of bread, when I have dip it in the dish.'

Then breaking from the thin cake of bread before him a fragment, he rolled up, and dipping it into dish gave o Judas Iscariot. As Judas accepted this little token Philip bowed his head gravely, but

of friendship from the hand of Him Whom he had once loved, all the awful passions of his soul broke their bonds He started up, his eyes blazing with an evil light. Jesus looked at said, still in a low voice : " What thou doest, do quickly." And unable to bear the look in those

eyes, Judas slunk out of the room and hurried away in the darkness, muttering fiercely to himself. When he had gone Jesus said to the

eleven: " Now is the Son of man glori fied, and God is glorified in Him. Little children, yet a little while I with you. Ye shall seek Me; but

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thou must go forth even as thy morrow thou must go torth even as thy mother bade thee, that thou mayst find the young man David, and acquaint him with all that hath happened. As for me, I am going up to Jerusalem. Something tells me that He will have need of me And so it happened that in the morn ing early, Stephen set forth alone on his journey, bearing with him the little

tunic wrought by the mother of Titus. and the silver chain which had belonged to his own dead mother. And when he departed Mary blessed him and kissed nas. "The man had evidently reached the proper limit of his days ; it is more him; and he wept, as he bade her fare-well, for he was but a lad after all, and than probable that his body is now ani-mated by a devil, which thus speaketh the world was wide and lonely.

CHAPTER XXIII.

speedily. See to it ; for he leadeth away much people after him." Caiphas was striding up and down speedily. away much people after him." "Moreover, being a dead body, which hath no longer any right on top of the earth, he defileth every man with whom he cometh in contact," said the floor of his own private apartment, his hands clasped behind him, his head bent forward on his breast. His eyes were blazing with an angry light beneath his brows, and now and then he muttered fiercely to himself. "Blas-phemer ! He shall be crushed ! Have another, piously. Blas-I not vowed it-I, Caiphas, the high priest ? He shall not defy me longer !" Hearing a slight sound outside, he strode rapidly to the door of the chamber, and flung it open. "Ah, Malchus! 'Tis thou. Enter!

"Ah, Malchus! 'Tis thou. Enter! Well what hast thou to say?" The man bent his head humbly. "Most worshipful master, I went as I was bidden to Bethany. When I reached the place, I had not the slightest difficulty in finding the abode of Lazarus; the streets were thronged with people going and coming to the house, which I found to be one of the house, other of the town, albeit humbler cottages of the town, albeit comfortable and tidy."

I care not what sort of a place it," interrupted Caiphas irritably.

I saw the man Lazarus-alive and l," continued Malchus. "He was well.' the garden of his house talking to

the people." "Talking to the people, was he !" "record the high priest. "The country sneered the high priest. "The country is full of orators nowadays. And what

power to put any man to deatu. The eyes of several present flashed dangerously, at this reference to the Roman supremacy and the national de-gradation. But Annas hastened to say "He was telling the story of his resurrection. He said that the four days which he passed in the tomb were as a sleep. He hath still a faint blandly " The Romans have not shown them_

bout to burst out int " Now as to the case of this fellow Annas again spoke, and this time his Lazarus, who is making quite an up-roar on his own account," continued cold, even tones had a shade of sternness in them: ' continued Jochanan, "what think ye? It see the to me that he were better off in

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"Thou must decide quickly, for we " what think ye ? It seemare considering other plans. Wilt thou have the thirty pieces or wilt thou not? tomb from which he was taken. If he were indeed dead, then was it the will of God, and he should have remained Thy Master is doomed in any event.' The man was silent for a momen 50. We shall not be doing unlawfally if we carry out upon him the sentence of death which Jehovah had himself allonger; then he said slowly :

longer; then he said slowly: "Woll, I will do it; 'tis a small sum, but I am a poor man; I must look out for myself. I have wasted many months in following this Jesus. I thought Him the Messiah; but He is not—He is not—He is not.' And his voice died away into an inarticulated

murmur. "Thou hast done right and wisely, the city, and wept over it saying. If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day; the things which beboth for thyself and for us," said Annas warmly rising and approaching the miserable wretch, who was trembl-ing in every limb. "Thou shalt have should be put out of the way, and that long unto thy peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days food and wine before leaving the palace. But first, what is thy name? and what are thou to the Nazarene?"

My name is Judas Iscariot. I am in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee. And they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; be-cause thou knowest not the time of thy one of the twelve who are always Him," replied the man, is so low a voice that Annas could hardly catch the words. "One of His immediate followers!" visitation. And when he was com-

Joseph of Arimathea, unable to re-strain himself any longer. "I know him well; he is an honest man and just. I have also seen him since his resurrection from the dead—if so it said Annas, rubbing his hands, and looking about the circle of attentive was. He hath not a devil ; and believing what he doth, he justly praiseth God for his deliverance, and glorifieth listeners with a triumphant smile. Ah, this is better than I thought; i with Him his Saviour from the tomb.' is indeed well! Now, my good man, it is important that the Nazarene should discussed later," said Annas smoothly. "Can any one here inform me of the where-abouts of the Nazarene ?" suspect nothing of all this-thou seest that, of course, for thou art a shrewd "He hath come even to-day toBethany,

where He sojourneth with the same Lazarus," said Caiphas. "I was in-formed of the fact as I entered the council chamber. He undoubtedly pur-poseth to be in Jerusalem for the feast. He must be seized in secret, that there the immediately thereafter. This is "I have heard, mine Apelles, that he the earnest of the larger sum which is indeed and in truth the Prince long be no uproar among the people. And there must also be some evidence securod against him, which shall bring him under Roman jurisdiction. For, as ye know, this tribunal hath not the shall be thine." into the man's hand. He clutched at it greedily, mutter-

ing something unintelligible. But Annas was content. "Here,

Malchus!" he sold cheerfully, opening the door of the chamber. " take this

"I also, my Andronicus," said another. "But how many that be? We are Gentiles—albeit converts from the door of the chamber, "take this good fellow and see that he hath an bundance both of food and wine."

bundance both of food and wine." the pagan faith of our fathers to the At this, the man turned fiercely upon one only and true God. Would this

And He took bread and blessed it would serve Me, let him follow and brake it, and gave to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My and where I am, there shall also My servant be. If any ma will the Father honor.' If any man serve Me, hin Body, Which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." Here He paused for a moment, evi

And He took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it. For this is My Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. This do ye, as often as ye shall drink dently lost in thought ; then again liftit, in remembrance of Me. But I s unto you, I will not drink henceforth But I sav this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom.'

Then Peter said to Him: "Lord, where is it that thou art going?" For he was perplexed and sorrowful, as

were they all. Jesus answered him : "Whither I go, hou canst not follow Me now, but thou shalt follow Me afterward.

shaft follow Me afterward." "Lord, why cannot I follow Thee now?" insisted Peter anxiously. "I will lay down my life for Thy sake." Jesus looked at him sorrowfully, as He answered: "Every one of you shall be offended because of Me this night. be offended because of Me this night. For it is written, 'I will smitche Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.' But after I am risen I will go before you into

"Though all men should be offended because of thee," declared Peter pas-sionately, "yet will I never be of-fended !"

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tude answered, This is Jesus, the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee." As the procession passed within the city gates, and the sound of the chanting and acclamations died away, one of a group of men in foreign dress who had

And he pressed a coin and. at it greedily, mutter-ter being stabilish and their scriptures. Even now they look to see Him establish His throne in Jeru-

salem. I would fain see Him, and stand in His presence."

"Let us tarry in Jerusalem," they

that, of course, for thou art a shrewd fellow—therefore attend strictly to what I shall say. Go back to Him and attend Him as usual, till such a time as thou canst safely—mind, I say safely, with no disturbance, nor outery to arouse the people—deliver Him into our hands. We will take care of the rest. And the silver shall be paid thee immediately thereafter. This is used in the silver shall be paid used to his companions. "What say ye to this, friends?" he asked earn-estly. "Tis a wondrous sight, And the upon it that is not of earth. Know ye aught concerning Him?"

ing His face toward the cloudless spring saying?" he shouted angrily. "Bid them hold their peace!" heavens, He said in a tone of pathetic patience: "Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me The Master turned, and looking upon him, said: "I tell you that if these should hold their peace, the stones from this hour. But for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify

would immediately cry out." "And when He was near, He beheld Thy name.' Then sounded forth a great and melodious voice, filling all th infinite space

of the sunlit sky above them : "I have both glorified it, and will

glorify it again.' The Greeks were awe-stricken at the shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee prayer and at its wondrous answer. In-stinctively they covered their taces with their hands, and sank upon the

earth 'It thunders," said one of a group of Jewish rabbis who stood by, envious

ly watching the scene. "An angel hath spoken to Him, into Jerusalem, all the city was moved saying, Who is this? And the multimurmured others beneath their breath And the Master answering said: This voice hath not come for My sake, but for your sakes. Now is the judg-ment of this world ; now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I. if I

be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me." "We have heard out of the law that the Christ abideth forever," said one of the rabbis: "and how sayest Thou,

that the Son of man must be crucified

Who is this Son of man?

And Jesus made answer: "Yet a little while is the light among you. Walk while ye have the light, that darkness overtake you not; and he that walketh in darkness knoweth

not whither he goeth. While ye have the light, believe on the light, that ye may become sons of light." Then He went away and was seen no more of the multitudes that day.

heard.

And the Greeks departed out of the

temple, communing earnestly together of all that they had both seen and