

emies need to use their clubs and staves? No. Their prisoner made no effort to escape. His followers made no effort to defend Him. Impress the thought, that this was not through fear, but because He knew He was suffering as God willed. Watch the crowd on the road back to Jerusalem! Jesus guarded in the midst, alone! But see, away back, there is Peter following to see what will become of Jesus. Watch the procession cross the brook Kidron, and climb the hill to the gates of Jerusalem. It is moonlight now.

The Trial—All is quiet in the streets, but soon a noise is heard of people hurrying along the streets. The palace of the high priest is lighted. The members of the Sanhedrin have been awakened. "Come at once to the palace. They have taken Jesus a prisoner at last!"

Picture the scene in the palace (see Lesson Explained). (Sketch.) We may be sure that Jesus' enemies have made up their minds what they are going to do with Jesus. They are going to have Him put to death! But they must have a trial (explain). Many false witnesses came but no reason for putting Jesus to death could be found, vs. 59-62.

Golden Text—Through it all Jesus stands, gentle as a lamb (repeat Golden Text), meek

and lowly (learn of Him). Sing Hymn 525 (vs. 1-3), Book of Praise. (Outline a lamb on the blackboard.)

The Son of God—Listen to the question and hear the reply, vs. 63, 64. What hubbub and cry there is now! "Hear that! He says He is the Son of God!" "Put Him to death!" "Kill Him!" are the cries.

Leaving Jesus alone with His Enemies—What about the disciples? Helpless to guard Him, all they will be able to do is stand up for Him, and never be ashamed or afraid to say they are His friends. Don't you think you can see Jesus looking around to see if His friends are close to Him? Ah! there is Peter, and there John. They have come as far as the court (explain how Eastern houses were built round an open courtyard).

Hurting Jesus—Do boys and girls ever forsake Jesus now? How? Do they ever hurt Him now? How? "Teddy makes mother's heart ache when he is naughty," said mother to her little boy. We make Jesus' heart ache when we disobey His commandments. ("Inasmuch," etc.; repeat.)

Hymn—Sing Hymn 527 (vs. 3, 4), Book of Praise.

Something to Remember—WE SOMETIMES HURT JESUS.

FROM THE PLATFORM

THE TRIAL TRIUMPH OF CHRIST

Ask the School for the subject of our Lesson to-day, and then print THE TRIAL OF CHRIST. In order to have a trial there must be a prisoner. Who was the prisoner? There must be judges. Who were the judges? There must be the witnesses. Was it easy to secure witnesses for the trial of Christ? What was the only kind of witness that could be found? Then remind the School, that Jesus was really condemned on His own confession. Whom did He confess that He was? Even as He stands there, an apparently helpless prisoner, He looks forward to the future, and foresees His coming TRIUMPH (Fill in). Ask some one to read v. 64. Then ask the School whom they think was to be pitied, Jesus or His judges. If Jesus, at such a time as that, could look forward calmly and confidently to His coming triumph, surely we should never doubt but that His cause will be victorious.