

which were in His mind at this hour : (1) That the time of His departure from the world was come ; (2) That He was going to the Father in heaven ; (3) That the Father had given Him all power and rule ; (4) That He had come from God, even as He was about to go back to God. Then have the scholars turn to Luke 22 : 24. What a wonderful Lord and Master ; and what an unworthy company of disciples, Judas the most unworthy of all (v. 2). It is Jesus' last hour alone with them. His love overflows. He must give them the lesson they so much need.

2. *The servant's task.* See Light from the East for details as to footwashing, the work of a lowly servant ; an act of courtesy, that, in the absence of a servant, the disciples should have done for one another. They were remiss. Jesus takes the servant's place. What this means, will be seen as the lesson goes on.

3. *A disciple's interruption.* The Exposition gives the necessary explanations of vs. 6-11. Peter's ignorant stupidity, then, his equally ignorant enthusiasm ; Jesus' patience, and the clear teaching as to the one great cleansing, and the need of after-cleansing also ; these are the topics,—some of them difficult for young minds.

4. *The explanation.* Get the scholars to imagine the wonder of the disciples as to what this strange scene meant (v. 7). Then picture Jesus taking His place again among them ; and have His question and answer (He answers His own question), vs. 12-15. It all looks so plain, that one wonders how the disciples failed to catch the meaning. It is plain, but none the less difficult is it to follow that blessed Example.

"By love serve one another" (Gal. 5 : 13), is a good text to take as a motto : and the lesson may close with a talk about practical methods of carrying it into effect.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON

The teacher should read carefully the material on Mount of Olives in the *QUARTERLIES*. Three roads lead to the summit of the mountain, where the Church of the Ascension now stands : the central path leading straight up the ascent ; those to the north and south making a detour to lessen the steepness of the climb. The three roads join together near the bridge



over the Kidron close to the Garden of Gethsemane, and go to St. Stephen's Gate, just north of the temple site. It is probable that from the earliest time the road into Jerusalem from the east crossed this bridge, as the mountain lower down the valley was too steep to admit of more than a rugged and difficult footpath down to the base.

ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under various headings.

Some Test Questions

1. When did Jesus make His triumphal entry into Jerusalem ?
2. Who came to see Him on the Tuesday ? How were Wednesday and Thursday spent ?
3. Whither did Jesus and His disciples go on Thursday evening ? For what purpose ? What called forth the love of Jesus to His disciples in a special degree ?
4. Who is said to have put it into Judas' heart to betray Jesus ?

5. What fourfold description of Jesus is given in v. 3 ?
6. Why had the disciples been unwilling to wash one another's feet ? How did Jesus rebuke them ?
7. Which of the disciples resisted Jesus' washing of His feet ?
8. What was sinful about the objection of Peter ?
9. How does Jesus describe His own position in relation to the disciples ?
10. What is the lesson, for us, of the foot-washing ?