

LESSON III.

JESUS TEACHING HUMILITY

April 16, 1889

John 13:1-17.

Commit to memory vs. 14-17.

Study the whole chapter.

1. Now before the feast of the passover, (1) when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them (2) unto the end.

2. And (3) supper being ended, the devil having (4) now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

3. Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was (5) come from God, and (6) went to God;

4. He riseth from supper and (7) laid aside his garments; and took a towel and girded himself.

5. (8) After that he poureth water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6. (9) Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

7. Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt (10) know hereafter.

8. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

9. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

10. Jesus saith to him, He that is (11) washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

11. For he knew (12) who should betray him, therefore said he, Ye are all clean.

12. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and (13) was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13. Ye call me (14) Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

14. If I then, (15) your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

16. Verily, verily, I say unto you, (16) The servant is not greater than his lord; neither (17) he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

17. If ye know these things, (18) happy are ye if ye do them.

Revised Version.—(1) Jesus knowing that; (2) Margin, Or, to the uttermost; (3) During supper; (4) Already; (5) Came forth from; (6) Gooch unto; (7) Layeth; (8) Then; (9) So he cometh; (10) Under stand; (11) Bathed; (12) Him that should; (13) Sat down again; (14) Margin, Or, Teacher; (15) The Lord and the Master; (16) The servant; (17) One that is sent; (18) Blessed.

GOLDEN TEXT

"I have given you an example.—John 13:15.

DAILY READINGS

M.—John 13:1-17. Jesus teaching humility.

T.—Luke 14:7-14. The humble exalted.

W.—Luke 18:9-17. Humility in prayer.

Th.—1 Peter 5:1-7. Grace for the humble.

F.—Mark 9:30-37. A rebuke to pride.

S.—Matt. 20:20-28. Greatness of service.

S.—Phil. 2:1-11. Christ's example.

LESSON PLAN

JESUS TEACHING HUMILITY
An Object Lesson.

I. The Occasion of It, 1:3.

At the last supper, when about to be betrayed to death, conscious of His divine power, with intense love for His own.

II. The Manner of It, 4:11.

As a servant He washed the disciples' feet. Peter objects, but Jesus lovingly insists.

III. The Meaning of It, 12:17.

An example for the disciples to follow.

TIME

Thursday evening, April 6 A.D. 30, the night before the crucifixion.

PLACE

An upper room in Jerusalem.

CATECHISM

Q. 55. What is forbidden in the third commandment?

A. The third commandment forbiddeth all profaning or abusing of any thing whereby God maketh Himself known.

LESSON HYMNS

(Book of Praise) 6, (Ps.) 542, 525, 556, 527.

CONNECTION

It has been a busy week since the supper at Bethany. Jesus' public ministry is now ended and He is in the upper room alone with His disciples to eat the Passover and say His farewell words. The lesson records a touching object lesson.

EXPLANATION

1. **Before the feast;** previous to and during the coming before the eating of the Passover Lamb. **When Jesus knew:** "Jesus knowing" (Rev. Ver.). The storm so long gathering was now about to burst upon His head, and having burst, to clear in glory. **Unto the end.** Compare Rom. 8:35-39. The nearer to the cross Christ came the more closely He drew His disciples to His heart.

2. **Supper being ended;** "during

supper" (Rev. Ver.). **The devil having put**—injected as a dart. Satan tells Judas that now is his time.

4. **Riseth from supper.** Fully conscious, as v. 3 tells us, of His divine nature and glory. He girded Himself as a servant would have done and began to wash the disciples' feet—a servant's duty for all guests. (Phil. 2:1-11.)

5, 6. **The basin** was a large copper basin for such purpose commonly found in Eastern