

**10. Judas Iscariot.** Probably Iscariot means "of Kerioth," a town in Judah. He was probably a good man when chosen as an apostle, and, perhaps, his practical abilities led to his appointment as treasurer of the twelve. Like the others, his views of the Saviour's kingdom were earthly; but while the rest gradually arose to more spiritual conceptions, he grew more worldly, until selfishness deepened into covetousness and actual crime. **One of the twelve.** An expression which brings his treason out into blacker relief. **Went unto the chief priests.** Perhaps immediately after the supper, and incensed at the rebuke which he had received, he began to meditate treason, but did not make the offer until the evening after the Saviour's last teachings in the temple.

**11. They were glad.** Glad to find the spirit of disaffection in the innermost circle of Jesus' followers, and glad to find circumstances so favourable to their plot. **Promised . . . money.** Thirty pieces of silver, (Matt. 26, 15.) about fifteen dollars, to be paid when he led them where they could arrest Jesus. **Conveniently betray him.** A time when he could give them access to Jesus apart from the multitude; not easy to find, since he was generally surrounded by a concourse of friends.

#### GOLDEN TEXT.

*She hath done what she could.*—Verse 8.

#### OUTLINE.

1. The Feet of Christ, v. 1, 2.
2. The Faithful Friend, v. 3-9.
3. The Faithless Friends, v. 10, 11.

#### LESSON HYMNS.

No. 923, *New Hymn Book.*

C. M.

She loved her Saviour, and to him  
Her costliest present brought;  
To crown his head, or grace his name,  
No gift too rare she thought.

So let the Saviour be adored,  
And not the poor despised;  
Give to the hungry from your hoard,  
But all, give all to Christ.

But give to Christ alone thy heart,  
Thy faith, thy love supreme;  
Then for his sake thine alms impart,  
And so give all to him.

No. 921, *New Hymn Book.*

S. M.

We give thee but thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus  
As stewards true receive;  
And gladly as thou blesses us,  
To thee our first-fruits give.

To comfort and to bless,  
To find a balm for woe,  
To tend the lone and fatherless  
Is angels' work below.

And we believe thy word,  
Though dim our faith may be;  
Whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,  
We do it unto thee.

No. 920, *New Hymn Book.*

S. M.

O happiest work below,  
Earnest of joy above,  
To sweeten many a cup of woe,  
By deeds of holy love!

Lord, may it be our choice  
This blessed rule to keep,  
"Rejoice with them that do rejoice,  
And weep with them that weep."

God of the widow, hear,  
Our work of mercy bless;  
God of the fatherless, be near,  
And grant us good success.

#### HOME READINGS.

- M. The Anointing at Bethany. Mark 14. 1-11.  
Tu. The Anointing by Mary. John 12. 1-11.  
W. The Anointing of Saul. 1 Sam. 10. 1-24.  
Th. The Anointing of David. 1 Sam. 16. 1-13.  
F. The Anointing of Solomon. 1 Kings 1. 32-40.  
S. The Anointing of Joash. 2 Kings 11. 1-18.  
S. The Anointed Saviour. Isa. 61. 1-11.

**Time.**—A.D. 29, on the Sunday before the crucifixion.

**Place.**—Bethany.

**Connecting Links.**—This event is here related out of its chronological place in order to explain the treachery of Judas. Its time was between Lessons 4 and 5 of the last quarter.

**Parallel Passages.**—Matt. 26. 6-16; John 12. 1-11.

**Explanations.**—*After two days*—That is, on the third day after the events of the last lesson. *Passover*—The feast which kept in mind the departure of the Israelites from Egypt, and the death of the first-born among the Egyptians. See Exod. 12. *Take him by craft*—Not openly, but by treachery: for Jesus had many followers among the people, especially of those who had come from Galilee and Perea to attend the feast. *Simon the leper*—Probably one who had been healed by Jesus. *There came a woman*—Mary, the sister of Martha and of Lazarus. *Alabaster box*—Literally, "an alabaster." It was a bottle, rather than a box. *Spikenard*—An ointment made of fragrant drugs. *Brake the box*—Broke the seal, or the neck of the bottle. *Some that had indignation*—The one that spoke of it was Judas, who was then planning treachery. *Three hundred pence*—About forty-five dollars, but in that time this sum would buy from ten to twenty times as much as now. *Me . . . not always*—He knew that in less than a week he would be dead upon the cross. *To anoint . . . to the burying*—It is not likely that she knew Jesus would die when she anointed him. *A memorial*—Jesus knew that his Gospel would be preached throughout the world. *Promised to give him money*—Love of money led Judas to this wicked deed.