

A Kind of Man.

I LIKE a man who all mean things despises,
A man who has purpose firm and true;
Who faces every doubt as it rises,
And murmurs not at what he finds to do.

I like a man who shows the noble spirit
Displayed by knights of Arthur's table
routed;

Who, face to face with life, proves his real
merit,

Who has a soul that dwells above the
ground.

And yet one who can understand the worry
Of some chance brother fallen in the road,
And speaks to him a kind word 'mid the
hurry,

Or lay an-easing hand upon his load.

Large-hearted, brave-souled men to-day are
needed,

Men ready when occasion's doors swing
wide;

Grand men to speak the counsel that is
heeded,

And men in whom a nation may confide.

The world is wide and broad its starry
arches,

But lagging malcontents it cannot hold;
The way of life to him who upright marches
Has ending in a far-off street of gold.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK.

A.D. 30] LESSON VIII. [May 26
JESUS BETRAYED.

Mark 14. 43-54. Memory verses, 48-50
GOLDEN TEXT.

Betrayest thou the Son of man with a
kiss? Luke 22. 48.

OUTLINE.

1. Betrayed, v. 43-49.
2. Deserted, v. 50-54.

TIME.—30 A.D.

PLACE.—Gethsemane. Jerusalem, in the
high-priest's palace.

CONNECTING LINKS.—The sound of the
Hallel had hardly died upon their lips before
this sorrowful company had gone out of the
city down into the valley of the Kedron,
and up the low foot slope of Olivet to old
Gethsemane. Here had come to the Saviour
the climax of his earthly suffering, and while
the words of his prayer are yet being whis-
pered among the tree tops the flaming
torches and clanking armour betoken the
approach of the soldiers and the Jewish
rabble under the traitor's guidance. And
here begins our lesson.

EXPLANATIONS.—*The chief priests, scribes,
and the elders*—Thus it seems every official
body united to destroy Jesus. *Whosoever
I shall kiss*—The kiss was the common
Oriental salutation in token of peace, like
our hearty hand-shake. *A certain young
man*—It is generally supposed that this was
Mark. *The high-priest*—This was Caiaphas,
who by virtue of his office stood at the head
of the whole ecclesiastical system of the
Jews. *All the chief priests, etc.*—This was
a full meeting of the Sanhedrin for trial.
Not with the servants—He was in the outer
court, where he could see what passed.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. *Betrayed*.
What had occurred just before the coming
of Jesus?
In what did the betrayal by Judas consist?
How can it be said that Jesus was bet-
rayed, since he knew all about it by
his omniscience?
What happened after the kiss and before
the arrest? John 18. 4-8.
What was probably the purpose of this
one who drew the sword? ver. 31.
What rebuke did he receive from Jesus?
Matt. 26. 52, 53.
Why was this night arrest regarded
necessary?
What evidence can you find of two parties
among the populace, one for and one
against Jesus?
Why was there no attempt at rescue on
the next day?
2. *Deserted*.
What is the relation between ver. 50 and
ver. 27?

What evidence is there that there were
more than the eleven disciples in the
company?

What is the belief of the Church concern-
ing the young man of vers. 51, 52?

Whither was Jesus first led?

What evidences of a well concerted plan of
action by the ecclesiastical authorities?
What became of the eleven disciples who
had fled?

Was there any other disciple near Jesus
in this hour? John 18. 15.

To whom was Peter indebted for his en-
trance into the outer court of the palace?
What prophecy was fulfilled by this night
of desertion? Zech. 13. 7.

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

"One of the twelve." There is no heart
which Satan will not try. There was one
that yielded in that small company. Is
there one in your class who will yield to sin?
How mean sin is! It chose love's sign to
do its work of hate.

How cowardly sin is! It gathered a
great crowd to take one unarmed and
defenceless; and it went in darkness. Sin
always works in darkness if it can. Beware
of that thing which you are tempted to do
unseen by any one. How weak it makes a
man! ver. 50.

All! Should like trial come now would
all forsake? Would you?

HINTS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. Study all that Judas had done that
night, and write it out.
2. Study carefully the end of his life.
3. Learn what you can of Oriental custom
in salutation.
4. Read Psalm 22. 6; Isa. 53. 7, and Dan.
9. 26.
5. Study about the Sanhedrin and learn
about this night gathering. Was it legal?
What was its plan?
6. Read the whole story of Peter's down-
fall from the four evangelists.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. How did Judas reveal Jesus to the
crowd? He called him Master, and kissed
him. 2. What did Jesus say to him? "Be-
trayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?"
3. With what did Jesus reproach them all?
For not taking him openly. 4. Whither
did they first lead him? To the palace of
Annas. 5. Who followed him thither? Peter
and another disciple.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Human sin-
fulness.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

23. What other proof is there that the
Bible is inspired?
Its wonderful and heavenly power over
the human heart. Hebrews iv. 12, 13; 2
Timothy iii. 16.
24. How must we then esteem the Scrip-
tures?
As the true word of God; the sure and
sufficient rule of faith and practice.

A.D. 30] LESSON IX. [June 2
JESUS BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

Mark 14. 55-65. Memory verses 55, 56
GOLDEN TEXT.

They hated me without a cause. John
15. 25.

OUTLINE.

1. The False Witnesses, v. 55-59.
2. The True Witness, v. 60-62.
3. The Cruel Sentence, v. 63-65.

TIME.—30 A.D.

PLACE.—Jerusalem: before the Sanhedrin
CONNECTING LINKS.—The lesson simply
continues the story of the last lesson

EXPLANATIONS.—*The chief priests*—The
heads of the different priestly courses. *All
the council*—The whole Sanhedrin. *The
high priest*—The chief ecclesiastical of the
Jewish Church, and the most important of
the nation during their subordination to
Rome.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. *The False Witnesses*.
Why did the council seek witnesses
against Jesus?
On what kind of charge only could this
court try one?
How many witnesses were required by
their law? Deut. 17. 6.
How many witnesses did they have against
him?
What was the reason they could not con-
demn?
How did they finally surmount this diffi-
culty? Matt. 26. 60-61.
In what did the falsity of their witness
consist? ver. 58.

2. *The True Witness*.

Why did the high-priest at this juncture
rise?

Why did Jesus refuse answer to his first
question?

Why did he answer so quickly to the
second question?

Had Jesus ever made similar declarations
in his teaching? Matt. 16. 27, and
24. 30.

What made this blasphemy in the eyes of
the high-priest?

What makes it a true witness in the eyes
of the Church?

3. *The Cruel Sentence*.

Why was there no need of further wit-
nesses?

What was the Mosaic sentence on blas-
phemy? Lev. 24. 16.

Was the sentence here given just?

Of what was the allowance by the council
of the scene in ver. 65 a proof?

Could the council have now punished
Jesus by stoning?

What do they seem still to have feared?

What would be a sure prevention of mob
violence by the friends of Jesus?

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

The world still bears false witness against
Jesus. It denies him to be the Son of God,
and so charges him once more with blas-
phemy.

But the world's witness still fails to agree.
Notice the calmness of Jesus where only his
teachings are misrepresented. Calumny
and lies moved him not at all. See how
fearlessly he witnessed for the truth when
that was called in question? "What do
these say?" No answer. "Art thou the
Christ?" "I am."

Learn from this scene to hate meanness,
and lying, and malice; and to love patience,
and peacefulness, and truth. And when
truth depends on your word for vindication,
speak it for your Master.

HINTS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. Study the reasons why they did not
stone Jesus to death, but did stone Stephen.
2. How many years before was the sen-
tence "destroy this temple" spoken, and
under what circumstances? John 2. 19.
3. Find all that you can about Annas and
Caiaphas; their previous and subsequent
history.
4. Nicodemus belonged to the Sanhedrin.
What can you say of him?
5. Write out your opinion why they
found no witnesses to agree.
6. Write out your opinion upon this trial.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. What body of men tried Jesus? The
chief priests, elders, and scribes. 2. Who
pre-ided at the trial? The high-priest,
Caiaphas. 3. On what charge was he tried?
The charge of blasphemy. 4. On whom did
they rely to prove him guilty? On false
witnesses. 5. What was the final means of
his conviction? His own declaration, "I
am the Christ." 6. What prophecy was
fulfilled in the riotous scene that followed?
"They hated me without a cause."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The second
coming of Christ.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

25. If after prayerful and patient study
and inquiry we still find difficulties in the
Bible, how must we deal with them?
We cannot expect to know all things while
we live in this world, nor fully to un-
derstand all that has been made known. 1
Corinthians xiii. 10.

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passage of the new Erie Canal, in 1825,
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he would be who could read well, write
a clear hand-writing, talk well, speak
well, and who should have good man-
ners!

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