

WHAT THE LESSON TEACHES.

1. To each one God gives a vineyard to keep for him.
2. We are God's tenants and are to return him a fair rental.
3. God expects us to give him fruits from our vineyards.
4. Rejecting the servants does not free us from the duty we owe to God.
5. To reject Christ is to reject the only Saviour.

DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM.

31st May.

Les. Luke 21 : 20-36. Gol. Text, Luke 21 : 33.
Mem. vs. 31-35. Catechism Q. 61.

Time.—The same day as last lesson.

Place.—The Mount of Olives, on the way to Bethany.

HOME READINGS.

M. Luke 21 : 5-19.....*Overthrow of the Temple Foretold.*
T. Luke 21 : 29-35.....*Destruction of Jerusalem Foretold.*
Th. Matt. 24 : 1-25.....*Calumnies Foretold.*
W. Matt. 24 : 26-41.....*Signs of Christ's Coming.*
F. Matt. 24 : 42-51.....*Watchfulness Enjoined.*
S. Matt. 25 : 1-30.....*Warning by Parables.*
S. Matt. 25 : 31-16.....*The Last Judgment.*

LESSON OUTLINE.

- I. The Coming Sorrows, vs. 20-28.
- II. The Duty of Preparation, vs. 29-33.
- III. The Lesson of Watchfulness, vs. 34-36

HINTS AND HELPS IN STUDY.

As Jesus was leaving the temple (see Hints and Helps," last lesson) the disciples spoke of its splendor, and he predicted its overthrow. Monday's Reading. On the Mount of Olives, toward evening, he foretold to Peter, James, John and Andrew, the destruction of Jerusalem, and the general course of events until his second coming. Of this discourse, our lesson, and Wednesday's, Thursday's, and Friday's, Readings are a part. It also probably included the parables in Saturday's Reading, and the description of the last judgment, Sunday's Reading. See also Mark 13. The predictions of Jesus about the destruction of Jerusalem came to pass just as he said, about forty years after his death.

WHAT THE LESSON TEACHES.

1. Final rejection of Christ will surely bring destruction.
2. Christ will come again to judge those who reject him.
3. Not a divine word can fail of fulfillment.
4. We should be ever watchful, ready to meet our Judge.
5. We need both to watch and pray to be safe.

WARNING TO THE DISCIPLES.

7th June.

Les. Luke 22 : 24-37. Gol. Text, Phil. 2 : 5.
Mem. vs. 24-26. Catechism Q. 62.

Time.—A.D. 30, Thursday evening, April 6.

Place.—An upper room in Jerusalem.

HOME READINGS.

M. Luke 22 : 1-23.....*The Lord's Supper.*
T. Luke 22 : 24-38.....*Warning to the Disciples.*
W. John 13 : 1-20.....*Washing Their Feet.*
Th. Luke 22 : 39-53.....*Jesus in Gethsemane.*
F. Luke 22 : 54-71.....*Jesus Accused.*
S. Mk 14 : 53-72.....*Jesus before the Council.*
S. Matt. 26 : 57-75.....*The False Witnesses.*

LESSON OUTLINE.

- I. Warning Against Selfish Ambition, vs. 24-30.
- II. Warning Against Self-Confidence, vs. 31-34.
- III. Warning Against Coming Danger, vs. 35-37.

HINTS AND HELPS IN STUDY.

Jesus closed his public ministry on Tuesday, April 4. He spent Wednesday and Thursday in retirement at Bethany. On Thursday he sent Peter and John to Jerusalem to prepare for keeping the passover. Toward evening he followed with the other disciples, and there celebrated the feast. Before the supper began, Jesus observed among the disciples a strife for seats of honor at the table. He rebuked them by himself washing their feet. Tuesday's and Wednesday's Readings. The probable order of occurrences was then as follows: 1. The passover supper eaten, vs. 15-18. 2. The betrayal foretold, and departure of Judas, vs. 21-23; see also John 13 : 18-30. 3. Institution of the Lord's Supper, vs. 19, 20. 4. Peter's denial foretold, vs. 31-38. Then followed the farewell discourse and intercessory prayer in John 14-17. Toward midnight Jesus went to Gethsemane where his arrest soon followed.

WHAT THE LESSON TEACHES.

1. True greatness is unselfishness—seeking to serve, not to be served.
2. Christ knows Satan's plots and prays for us.
3. When we have been helped by Christ we should help others.
4. Self-confidence is sure to lead to a fall.
5. Life is full of danger and we should always watch and trust.

Make Haste

Make haste, for time is passing. Make haste, for life is short. Are there gray hairs upon your head? Are there tokens of failing strength? Do you look back on long years of life and labor? Do you look around you and see many things begun and much that needs to be done? Make haste. Life is passing, make haste, the sun is getting low. Finish the things that need to be finished. Drop the things which are beyond your strength.

Do not waste life in vain and fruitless undertakings, but make every hour and every moment tell for God and for humanity. A little work *done*, is better than a great work *begun*. Great plans may never be carried out, but some little thing begun and *steadily pursued* may be accomplished, and may glorify God and benefit mankind. You will be surprised to know how much a person can do if he will keep *steadily at his work*, and will not be turned aside by trivial matters.

The man who really intends to accomplish work for God must not be turned aside from it by trivial affairs. He must attend strictly to the business which he has on hand. He must let other people visit, and parade, and converse, and resolve, and make a show of themselves, while he must delve and toil to finish his work.

The man who will really set himself in the path of self-sacrifice and devotion to God, will find that little by little his work will tell; and day by day there will be accomplished work which will be approved of God and be a blessing to the world. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might;" and make haste!—*Sel.*

The real secret of getting on in this world is the knowing of some things, better than anybody else knows them; and the man who possesses that superior knowledge, no matter what profession he may enter, no matter what profession he may choose, that man is bound to succeed.