

you will shed my blood; drink my blood."

Then Jesus arose and began to wash the feet of all the disciples and of Judas, and when he had finished, he said: "I know that one of you will betray me unto death, and will shed my blood, but I have given him to eat and to drink, and have washed his feet. I have done this to teach you how you should behave to those who do you evil. If you act thus, you shall be blessed. The disciples still continued to ask which of them should be his betrayer. Jesus, however, would not name him lest they should punish him. When it grew dark Jesus pointed to Judas, and told him to go out. Judas rose from the table, went out, and no one stopped him.

Then Jesus said: "This is what it is to elevate the son of man. To do so means to be loving like the Father, not to those alone who love us, but to all, even to those who do ill to us. Therefore, do not argue about my teaching, do not reason about it as the Pharisees do; but do what I have always done, what I have now done before you. I give you one commandment—love all men. My whole teaching lies in this, that ye love men always and to the end. After this, fear fell on the soul of Jesus and with his disciples in the night he went into a garden to hide himself. On the way he said to them: "You are none of you strong, but all timid; when I am taken you will all flee from me." Then Peter said: "No, I will not leave thee; I will defend thee even unto death." And all the disciples said the same. Then Jesus said to them: "If it be so, prepare for defence; collect your stores, for you will have to hide; take arms in order to defend yourselves." The disciples said that they had two swords. When Jesus heard them speak of swords, he was grieved in his heart, and going to a solitary place he began to pray, telling his disciples to do the same, but they did not understand him. Jesus said: "Father, put an end to the

struggle of temptation within me. Strengthen me to the fulfilment of Thy will; I desire not my own will, the defence of the life of my body; I desire Thy will, in order not to resist evil." The disciples still understood not. He said to them: "Think not of the flesh, but strive to raise yourselves in the spirit; the spirit is strong but the flesh is weak." And again he said: "Father, if this suffering be inevitable, let me bear it; but in all my suffering I desire only that Thy will, and not mine, be done." The disciples did not understand. Then again Jesus struggled with his temptation, and at length conquered it, and coming to his disciples said: "Now, all is decided, you may be at peace; I will not contend, but will give myself into the hands of the men of this world."

THE CHALDEANS.

(Continued from last month.)

II

In the early evening Abram, the friend of God, sought his tent for his evening meal and to perform his simple evening worship before retiring. But he is soon roused by a breathless message, one of his herdsman, who, rushing into his presence says: "The great Chedorlaomer has taken thy nephew Lot and his family and their goods to carry away to Chaldea." What will Abram do? The peaceful man of God who is never engaged in disputes and quarrels and who is now in a country of idol worshippers, himself and family being the only servants of the true God. But he cannot sit down and let the conqueror carry away his nephew's family. All his fierce Arab zeal is aroused, for is his cause not a good one? and his trust is in his God who has led him out of Chaldean idolatry and into the land where he now abides. So hurriedly arming the faithful servants who have lived all their lives with him he prepares for a night attack upon the enemy.

Very quietly the Chaldean army is