

Lesson VI.

JESUS FACES THE CROSS

May 12, 1918

BETWEEN THE LESSONS—Jesus is still on his way to Jerusalem. The lesson shows us our Lord and his disciples walking toward the holy city, while multitudes were thronging the way to the Passover feast, the great spring festival of the Jews, held at the same time as our Easter. Jesus was walking alone, the disciples following behind, so as not to disturb the thoughts of the master.

GOLDEN TEXT—He humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross.—Philippians 2:8 (Rev. Ver.).

*Memorize Matt. 5:13, 14.

THE LESSON PASSAGE—Mark 10:32-45. Study Mark 10:32-52.

32 And they were in the way going up to Jeru'salem; and Je'sus¹ went before them: and they were amazed; and ²as they followed, they were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them ³what things should happen unto him,

33 *Saying*, Behold, we go up to Jeru'salem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and ⁴unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him ⁵to the Gen'tiles:

34 And they shall mock him, and shall ⁶scourge him, and shall ⁷spit upon him, and shall kill him: and ⁸the third day he shall rise again.

35 And ⁹James and John, the sons of Zeb'e'dee, ¹⁰came unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall ¹¹desire.

36 And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you?

37 ¹²They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and ¹³the other on thy left hand, in thy glory.

38 But Je'sus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ¹⁴ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink ¹⁵of?

Revised Version—was going, ¹they that followed were; ²the things that were to happen, ³Unto, ⁴unto, ⁵spit upon, ⁶scourge, ⁷after three days, ⁸there come near unto him, ⁹saying unto him, ¹⁰ask of thee, ¹¹And they, ¹²one, ¹³ask. Are ye able to drink the, ¹⁴Omit of, ¹⁵or to be, ¹⁶are able, ¹⁷The cup that I drink ye shall drink, ¹⁸or, ¹⁹is for them, ²⁰hath been, ²¹moved with indignation concerning, ²²And Jesus, ²³lord it over, ²⁴over, ²⁵it is not so among, ²⁶would become, ²⁷would be first among you, ²⁸verily the

HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS

M.—Jesus faces the cross, Mark 10:32-45.

T.—Sight for the blind, Mark 10:46-52.

W.—The shepherd smitten, Zech. 13:1-19.

Th.—Christ's sufferings foretold, Isa. 53:1-12.

F.—Suffering for us, Heb. 2:1-10.

S.—Humbled and exalted, Phil. 2:1-11.

S.—Glorying in the cross, Gal. 6:9-18.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

I. AMAZED DISCIPLES.—32-34. Jesus

went before them.

Jesus separated himself

from the disciples and

went on alone as if in

deep thought about

something. Amazed

and . . . afraid. They

felt that the mind of

Jesus was facing the

cross which lay before

him, and the very thought of it filled

them with astonishment and terror.

Began to tell them; what was on

his mind. This is the third time he

speaks about his death (compare chs.

8:31; 9:31). This time it is more

detailed and graphic. Shall be de-

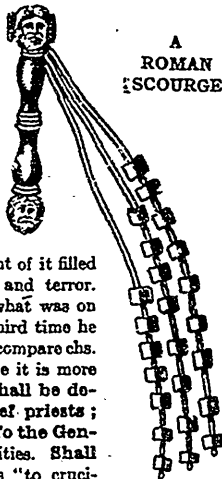
livered; by Judas. Chief priests;

Annas and Caiaphas. To the Gen-

tiles; the Roman authorities. Shall

kill him. Matthew says "to cruci-

fy." So far this is the triumph of



Christ's enemies. He shall rise again. Note these words. These are Christ's plans. There is resurrection as well as crucifixion.

II. SELFISH DISCIPLES.—35-37. James and

John. Matthew tells that their mother Salome came

with them. Sons of Zebedee. Zebedee was left

with the hired servants when his sons followed Jesus,

ch. 4:20. Whatsoever we shall desire. Remember

that Jesus had just been telling of his coming sufferings.

Doubtless words of sympathy would have been wel-

come. But James and John are thinking only of them-

selves. What would ye. Jesus makes no blind

promise. On thy right hand . . . left hand. They

wish to be near Jesus, but when and where? In thy

glory. Jesus will carry his cross alone, will die alone.

These disciples are willing to share his glory with him.

33-40. Know not what ye ask. The request

was thoughtless as well as selfish. Can ye drink . .

the cup. Jesus speaks of his coming suffering as

drinking a cup of pain and as a baptism of agony.

The disciples must get their glory by suffering like the

master. We can. They do not realize how they

shall forsake Jesus when the danger comes. Ye shall

indeed drink. The time is coming when they will

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