

Matthew 26 : 17-30—Memory Verses, 26, 27.

Golden Text—This do in remembrance of me.—1 Corinthians 11 : 24.

17 Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Je'sus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover?

18 And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand ; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.

19 And the disciples did as Je'sus had appointed them ; and they made ready the passover.

20 Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.

21 And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

22 And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?

23 And he answered and said, He that dipeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.

24 The Son of man goeth as it is written of him : but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed ! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.

25 Then Ju'das, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.

26 And as they were eating, Je'sus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat ; this is my body.

27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it ;

28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

30 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

THE LESSON RETOLD

At last, the great feast of the Passover had come. This feast lasted seven days. On the first day the disciples came to Jesus, who was still at Bethany, to ask Him where they should get ready the feast. Then Jesus turned to Peter and John, and said, "Go into the city, and you will meet a man carrying a jar of water. Follow him into the house, and say, 'The Master wants a room in which to eat the Passover with His disciples.' Then he will show you a room where you can prepare the feast." The two started at once, and found everything as Jesus had said ; and they bought some bread and wine and other things, and made the supper ready.

So Jesus and all His disciples came to the house in the evening, and went upstairs, where they sat down to eat the Passover.

And as they were eating, Jesus said very sadly, "One of you, My disciples, will give Me up to wicked men to be killed." The disciples looked at each other, surprised and grieved, and each one anxiously asked, "Lord, is it I?" "It is he who dips his hand with Me in the dish," said Jesus.

Now, Judas was one of those who dipped his hand into the same dish as Jesus, and he asked, "Lord, is it I?" And when Jesus answered, "Yes," Judas immediately left the table, and went out of the room.

Then Jesus, who wished His disciples never to forget this last supper which He had with them, took a piece of bread, and breaking it, gave a piece to each of the disciples, saying, "Do this always, from this time on, in remembrance of Me. This broken bread