

of the colonnades, such as the doctors and their attendants of various sects, amongst whom Pharisees predominated. It was easy enough for them to convince themselves of the growing importance of the Nazarene, for tidings, and, indeed, fresh sounds of excitement reached them from the town and its environs every moment, confirming the signification of the events of which they had all just been witnesses. There was no doubt that the resurrection of Lazarus had forcibly appealed to the imagination of all, kindling the hopes of everyone, so that the official authorities were beginning to find themselves at the mercy of every caprice of the new Prophet. Now, from the first He had shewn little favour to the Pharisees, and they might, therefore, well fear that He would not hesitate to make a dead set against their influence. There was, then, no time to be lost; they must have done with this man. The secret meeting in the house of Caiaphas was known, its probable results were commented on, and what would be the best measures to take to counteract this increase of popular favour were eagerly discussed. As for Jesus Himself, all He did on that day was to pass through the Temple, which He entered from the town and left by the Susa Gate, which was later, notably in the time of the Saracens, corruptly called the Golden Gate. Then, traversing the Valley of Jehoshaphat, He was able, by climbing obliquely the Mount of Olives, to make His way to Bethany, where, no doubt, He lived until the following Thursday. However that may be, we shall leave Him no more, and the Gospel will give us details as numerous as they are precious on this last period of His life on earth. It will shew Him going to the Temple sometimes before daybreak, spending long hours there, and only returning home at night fall. It will explain to us every act of His, however apparently trivial, in every hour, nay, every minute; enable us to listen to His discourses; will invite us to receive His supreme admonitions, given in the addresses which became ever more and more frequent. In a word, the Gospel will initiate us into all the mystery of those last days which were to end with the greatest event in the history of the human race.



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