

What I Live For.

I live for those who love me,
For those I know are true;
For the heaven that smiles above me,
And awaits my spirit too;
For all human ties that bind me,
For the task my God assigned me,
For the bright hopes left behind me
And the good that I can do.

I live to hold communings
With all that is divine,
To feel that there is union
Twixt nature's heart and mine
To profit by affliction,
Reap truths from fields of fiction,
Grow wiser from conviction—
Fulfilling God's design.

I live for those that love me,
For those I know are true,
For the heaven that smiles above me,
And awaits my spirit too,
For the wrongs that need resistance
For the cause that needs assistance,
For the future in the distance,
For the good that I can do.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE WRITINGS OF JOHN.

A.D. 30.] **LESSON I.** [Oct. 3.

JESUS BETRAYED.

John 18. 1-14. *Commit vs. 4-8.*

GOLDEN TEXT.

The Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.—Mark 14. 41.

CENTRAL TRUTH.

To all come hours of conflict and darkness.

DAILY READINGS.

M. John 18 1-14. Tu. John 18. 15-27.
W. Matt. 26. 36-75. Th. Mark 14 32-72.
F. Luke 22. 39-62. Sa. Psalm 1. 1-12.
Su. Psalm 46. 1-11.

TIME.—From midnight till three o'clock Friday morning, April 7, A.D. 30.

PLACE.—The garden of Gethsemane and the palace of Caiphas.

PARALLEL ACCOUNTS.—Matt. 26. 36-66; Mark 14. 32-64; Luke 22. 39-55.

CIRCUMSTANCES.—After Jesus' prayer, they sang a hymn, thus closing their long and blessed meeting, and went out into the streets of Jerusalem, towards the Mount of Olives.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.—1. *Brook Cedron*—Or Kidron, a ravine, a brook in the rainy season that ran between Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives. 11 to 12 o'clock. *A garden*—Gethsemane, on the lower slope of the Mount of Olives. Here Jesus uttered his agonising prayer three times from 12 to 1 o'clock Friday morning. 3. *A band*—Of Roman soldiers from the tower of Antonia, about 1 o'clock. 4. *Jesus knowing*—He went willingly, conscious of all that was before him. Here is probably where Judas gave his kiss of betrayal. 9 *The saying*—Spoken in chap. 17. 12. This was one fulfilment. 10. *Peter smote . . . cut off right ear*—Peter was rash in his bravery. This act was likely to cause the disciples to be arrested as rebels, and to make Jesus himself to seem a rebel against Rome, and his kingdom a temporal kingdom. Jesus destroyed the evil effects by healing Malchus. 12. *Took Jesus*—Then all the disciples forsook Jesus and fled. 13. *Annas*—Formerly high priest, and now very influential. He sent him to Caiphas, the high priest, who first examined him, then called the Sanhedrim (2 to 3 o'clock), and they decided he must die. During this hour Peter three times denied his Master, who was in the hall opening into the court where Peter and John were around the fire.

SUBJECTS FOR SPECIAL REPORTS.—The order of events.—The parallel accounts.—The agony in the garden.—The betrayal.—Peter's rash act.—The trials.—Peter's denials.

QUESTIONS.

INTRODUCTORY.—Where were Jesus and his disciples the night before his crucifixion? What had they been doing? What were the two last acts in this upper room? (John 17. 1; Matt. 26. 30.)

SUBJECT: THE HOUR OF CONFLICT AND DARKNESS.

I. A GREAT BATTLE AND THE VICTORY (vs. 1, 2; Matt. 26. 36-46).—Where did

Jesus go from the upper room? Why did he go there? What was the name of the garden? Where did Jesus leave his disciples? What did Jesus do here? What was his prayer? How many times did he pray? What shows the intensity of his agony? (Luke 22. 44.) Why was he so sorrowful? How was his prayer answered? (Luke 22. 43; John 18. 11.) What were the disciples doing all this time? Was there any excuse for them? (Mark 14. 50.)

II. JESUS BETRAYED BY A FALSE DISCIPLE (vs. 3-9; Matt. 26. 47-50).—Who betrayed Jesus? Whom did he bring with him? How were they armed? About what hour of the night was this? Where did they find Jesus? What token had Judas given? Describe Jesus' voluntary giving of himself up to them. What in this hour did he do for his disciples?

III. FALSE ZEAL, and DESERTION BY TRUE DISCIPLES (vs. 10, 11; Matt. 26. 51-56).—How did Peter show his courage? What harm might this have done? What reasons did Jesus give against his act? How did Jesus remedy the evil? (Luke 22. 51) What did all the disciples now do? Where do we next find Peter? (Matt. 26. 58.) When and where did he deny Jesus? (Matt. 26. 59-75.)

IV. IN THE HANDS OF HIS ENEMIES (vs. 12-14).—Where was Jesus taken first? Where next? (Matt. 26. 58; John 18. 19-24.) Who were Annas and Caiphas? Who assembled to condemn Jesus? (Matt. 26. 57.) What time of the night was this? For whose sake did Jesus suffer all these things?

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

1. Every life has its Gethsemane of sorrow and conflict, and many have its victories.
2. In Gethsemane we are taught the nature of true prayer and its answer.
3. It is sad for the Church to be sleeping while Christ is suffering and praying.
4. Such sleep leads to desertion and denial.
5. Every one in Jesus is safe. He has never lost one.
6. There is a wrong as well as a right zeal, and the wrong brings harm where it would do good.
7. It is dangerous to follow Christ afar off. It leads into temptation, and away from the source of strength.

REVIEW EXERCISE.

1. Where did Jesus go after the prayer in the upper room? **ANS.** To Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives. 2. What did he do there? **ANS.** He prayed in an agony for strength to endure what was before him. 3. Who betrayed him there? **ANS.** Judas Iscariot, with a kiss of friendship. 4. What did the other disciples do? **ANS.** They all forsook him and fled, and Peter soon after denied him. 5. What did his enemies do? **ANS.** They took him to the high priest to be tried and condemned.

A.D. 30.] **LESSON II.** [Oct. 10.

JESUS BEFORE PILATE.

John 18. 28-40. *Commit vs. 36-38.*

GOLDEN TEXT.

I find in him no fault at all.—John 18. 38.

CENTRAL TRUTH.

Each person must decide what he will do with Jesus.

DAILY READINGS.

M. John 18 28-40. Tu. Matt. 26. 57-75.
W. Mark 14. 35-72. Th. Luke 22 63-71.
F. Matt. 27. 1-27. Sa. Mark 15. 1-14.
Su. Luke 23. 1-24.

TIME.—From 5 to 6 o'clock, Friday morning, April 7, A.D. 30.

PLACE.—Pilate's palace. Either in Herod's palace in north-west angle of Zion, or castle Antonia, north of the temple.

PARALLEL HISTORY.—Matt. 26. 57 to 27. 26; Mark 14. 65 to 15. 15; Luke 22. 63 to 23 24.

ORDER OF EVENTS.—(1) **MOCKERY BY THE SERVANTS.** In the court of Caiphas' palace, 3 to 5 o'clock Friday morning (Matt. 26. 57, 58; Mark 14. 65; Luke 22. 63-65). (2) **THE SANHEDRIM REASSEMBLED AT DAYBREAK TO CONDEMN JESUS.** Council chamber 5 o'clock (Matt. 27. 1); because their former meeting was irregular, and they could not pronounce sentence till daybreak. (3) **JESUS SENT TO PILATE.** Pilate's palace, 5 to 5:30 A.M. (v. 28). (4) **PILATE'S INTERVIEW WITH THE JEWS OUTSIDE THE PALACE** (vs. 28-32). 28. *Eat the Passover*—The festive meals of the

day. 31. *Judge him according to your law*—And of course inflict the punishments allowed,—excommunication, scourging, etc. 32. *The saying*—Chap. 17. 12. *What death*—Or what manner of death. The Roman mode of execution by crucifixion. (5) **PILATE EXAMINES JESUS** Inside the palace about 6 o'clock (see chap. 19. 14), vs. 33-38. 34. *Sayest thou of thyself*—If he made the charge, it would be that Jesus had set up a kingdom like Rome, and in rebellion against it. To this Jesus would answer no. If the Jews made the charge, it would be that he claimed to be the Messiah, who was really a spiritual king. To this he would say yes, as he did 37. *To this end*—To be a king. (6) **PILATE'S SECOND CONFERENCE WITH THE JEWISH LEADERS.** Outside his palace (v. 38; Matt. 27. 12-14). (7) **PILATE SENDS JESUS TO HEROD** Herod's palace, early Friday morning (Luke 23. 5-12). Here Jesus was mocked again. (8) **PILATE MAKES THE JEWS DECIDE** (vs. 39-40; Matt. 27. 15-28) 40. *Barabbas*—A kind of brigand, who had made an insurrection against the Roman power, and was hailed as a hero by the Jews.

SUBJECTS FOR SPECIAL REPORTS.—The order of events.—The time.—The hatred of the Jews, and its cause.—Jesus as king; the mockeries, and their cause.—Barabbas.—The choice between Christ and the world.

QUESTIONS.

INTRODUCTORY.—Give the leading events in the last lesson in their order. Have you read the parallel passages in other Gospels? Name time and place of this lesson.

SUBJECT: WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH JESUS THE CHRIST.

I. WHAT HIS ENEMIES WOULD DO (vs. 28-32).—After the first examination of Jesus before the Sanhedrim, what was done with him? (Matt. 26. 57, 58.) Why did they treat Jesus so? What is the evil of making sport of religious things? Where was Jesus next taken? (Matt. 27. 1.) Then where? (v. 28) To be judged by whom? Where did his accusers stay? Why could not the priests enter the palace? Was this a strange freak of conscientiousness considering what they were doing? Describe the interview with Pilate. Why would they not judge him? What scripture was fulfilled? (John 12. 32.) How? Are evil men attacking the Gospel still compelled to aid it?

II. WHAT AN UNJUST JUDGE DID (vs. 33-38).—What was Pilate's next move? Where was Jesus? What did Pilate ask him? Why did Jesus reply as he did? What did Jesus say about his Kingdom? Over whom is Jesus King? What was Pilate's report to the Jews outside? What did Pilate next do? (Luke 23 5-12) What was Herod's decision? (Luke 23 15.) How was Jesus treated at Herod's palace? Why?

III. THE CHOICE OF THE PEOPLE (vs. 39, 40).—What demand did the people now make? (Mark 15 8.) Who was Barabbas? How did Pilate attempt to escape a decision as to Jesus? Whom did the people choose? Why? What did Pilate then say? (Matt. 27. 22.) What choice like this must we all make? What will be the result of the choice? What was the result to the Jews of rejecting Jesus? (Matt. 23. 34-35.)

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

1. A bad conscience is shown by its fastidiousness as to ceremonies, but dulness as to wrongs.
2. The kindest men and causes are sometimes treated with contempt,—reforms, truths, rights.
3. They are ridiculed through misrepresentation and misunderstanding of their nature and aims.
4. Jesus Christ is not only your Saviour, but your King.
5. Sincere seekers after truth will find Jesus Christ.
6. To each one is presented the choice, Christ or the world.
7. To choose Christ is to choose righteousness, love, God, truth, happiness, heaven.
8. To choose the world is to choose pleasure, selfishness, sin, defeat, sorrow, eternal death.

REVIEW EXERCISE.

6. What took place after the examination before Caiphas and the leaders? **ANS.** Jesus was mocked and ridiculed. 7. What was done next? **ANS.** He was condemned to death by the Sanhedrim, early Friday morning. 8. Where was he then taken? **ANS.** To Pontius Pilate, the governor. 9. What did he do? **ANS.** He examined Jesus, and found him innocent. 10. What choice did the people make? **ANS.** "Not this man, but Barabbas."

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