

to death, all the more that the greater part of the people were in his favor.

Now, at the feast there were certain heathen, and they, hearing of the teaching of Jesus, wished to speak with him about it. The disciples, when they heard of this, were frightened. They were afraid that Jesus in his conversation with the heathen, would betray himself, and anger the people. At first they wished to prevent Jesus meeting them, but afterwards decided to tell him who wished to speak with him. On hearing this, Jesus was disturbed. He understood that if he preached to Gentiles he would clearly show that he had cast off the whole of the Jewish law, would set the common people against himself, and give occasion to the Pharisees for accusing him of associating with the hated Gentiles. Jesus was disturbed, knowing this, but he knew also that his vocation was to explain to men, the sons of one Father, their unity without distinction of faith. He knew that this step would ruin him in his bodily life, but that his thus perishing would give men a true understanding of life, and therefore he said : "As the grain of wheat must perish for the fruit to grow, so a man must lose his life in the body to bring forth the fruit of the spirit. He who keeps the life of the body, loses the true life ; and he who loses the life of the body, receives the true life. I am troubled by what awaits me, but truly up to this time I have lived only for that, only in order to live till this hour ; how can I not do what I have to do ? Therefore, at this hour let the will of the Father be shown in me."

Then, turning to the people, to the heathen and the Jews, Jesus spoke out clearly what he had said only in private to Nicodemus. He said : "The life of mankind, with its various faiths and various governments, must cease. All human authorities must come to an end. It is only necessary to understand man's position as a son of the Father of life, and this understanding will destroy all divisions and authorities

made among men, and will unite all men in one whole."

The Jews said : "Thou destroyest all our religion. According to our law, there is a Christ, and thou sayest there is only a Son of Man, and that he must be exalted. What does this mean ?" He answered them : "To exalt the Son of Man means to live by the light of the understanding which is in men, in order to live, while there is light, according to it. I teach no new faith, but only what every man knows in himself. Every man knows that he has life in him, and every man knows that life is given to him and to all men by the Father of Life. My teaching is only that you should love the life given by the Father to all men."

Many of those not in authority believed Jesus ; but the great men and the rulers did not believe, because they would not judge of his speech by the meaning which it had for eternity ; they considered his doctrines only by their relation to him. They saw that he turned the people away from them, and wished to kill him, but were afraid to take him openly, so they desired to take him, not in Jerusalem and the light of day, but somewhere secretly.

Then there came to them one of the twelve disciples, called Judas Iscariot, and they gave him money that he should betray Jesus into the hands of the servants when he was not with the people. Judas promised them, and again joined Jesus, awaiting the time to betray him. On the first day of the feast, Jesus and the disciples celebrated the passover, and Judas, thinking that Jesus did not know of his treachery was among them. But Jesus knew that Judas had sold him for a price, and, when they were all seated at table, Jesus took the bread, broke it into twelve parts, and gave a piece to each of the disciples, to Judas among the rest, and without naming anyone, said : "Take, eat my body."

Then he took the cup with wine, and gave it to them, that all might drink, and Judas with them, saying : "One of