

CHRIST BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST

Lesson VIII.

John 18 : 15-27—Memory Verses 23-25

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15. And Si'mon Pe'ter followed Je'sus, and so did another disciple : that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Je'sus into the palace of the high priest.

16. But Pe'ter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Pe'ter.

17. Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Pe'ter, Art not thou also *one* of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not.

18. And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals ; for it was cold : and they warmed themselves : and Pe'ter stood with them, and warmed himself.

19. The high priest then asked Je'sus of his disciples, and of his doctrine.

20. Je'sus answered him, I spake openly to the world ; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort ; and in secret have I said nothing.

21. Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them : behold, they know what I said.

22. And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Je'sus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so?

23. Je'sus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil : but if well, why smitest thou me?

24. Now An'nas had sent him bound unto Cai'aphas the high priest.

25. And Si'mon Pe'ter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also *one* of his disciples? He denied *it*, and said, I am not.

26. One of the servants of the high priest, being *his* kinsman whose ear Pe'ter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him?

27. Pe'ter then denied again : and immediately the cock crew.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The night of the supper Jesus spoke about the time when wicked men would put Him to death.

Peter said, "Lord, I am ready to die with Thee." But Jesus told Peter that though he felt so brave now, yet before the cock crew he would

ing Him and were much pleased to see Him brought in.

They were saying to themselves, "We will send Him to Pilate in the morning to be judged, but to-night we will enjoy ourselves by hearing what He has to say for Himself."

So they began to question Jesus. They said, "Who are you?" "What have you been making so much trouble for?" and many other rude things.

They were very fierce and angry but Jesus answered them gently and quietly. He said, "Why do you ask Me questions?" "You yourselves have seen everything I have done in the Temple and in other places."

Then a rough soldier struck Jesus with his hand.

Peter and John had followed the soldiers as far as the high priest's palace ; John was known to the



have said three times that he did not even know Him.

After Jesus left the garden with the soldiers He was taken to the High Priest's palace, where there was a large room full of wicked men waiting for Him. They had been sitting up expect-

high priest ; so they let him in, but Peter stood outside the door. John asked the maid at the door if Peter might come in too, and when she said "yes," he brought him inside.

As soon as the maid saw Peter she said, looking to where Jesus stood before the high priest,