

—(John 12: 1-6; Matt. 26: 6-10; John 13: 26-30.)

- a. What a commentary on the ingratitude of human nature.
- b. What a commentary on the blighting power of the love of money on character.—Opportunities are wasted and the highest privileges are made useless.

II. HOW AND WHERE JESUS WAS TAKEN.

1. *As a robber a brigand.*—V. 43.
2. *Betrayed with a kiss.*—V. 45.
3. *Jesus was seized in the garden by the hands of the officers and led away.*
4. *Before whom arraigned.*—V. 53; John 18: 13.

III. INCIDENTS CONNECTED WITH THE ARREST OF JESUS.

1. *Peter's impulsive act.*—V. 47; John 18: 10.
2. *The Lord's gracious amends.*—Luke 22: 51.
3. *The lessons Jesus taught from this act.*
 - (1) That "they that take the sword shall perish with the sword."
 - (2) That His Father would give Him twelve legions of angels for the asking.—Matt. 26: 53.
 - (3) The necessity for submission to His Father's will.—John 18: 11.
 - (4) That through His sufferings the scriptures are fulfilled.—Matt. 26: 54.
4. *The young man who lost his linen garment.*—Mark 14: 51, 52.

PRACTICAL LESSONS.

1. The great danger to which every professing Christian is exposed.
 - (1) Judas was a disciple, an apostle, and an officer of the band of disciples.
2. The subtle character of Judas' besetting sin.—Love of money.
 - (1) This is the root of all evil.
 - (2) This is the leading sin of our century.
3. The kiss of Judas teaches the unspeakable hypocrisy that may be practiced under the guise of friendship.
4. One besetting sin yielded to will destroy much good.

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Parallels, Matt. 26: 58-75.

Luke 22: 54-72.

John 18: 15-18, 25-27

Golden text, Is. 53: 7.

Catechism, 92, 93.

TOPIC: Jesus before the Council.

I. THE CHARACTER AND PROCESS OF THE COUNCIL.

1. *It was an irregular illegal and self-constituted court.*
 - (1) "It was against the rules of the Jewish law to hold a session of the Sanhedrin or Council for the trial of capital offences by night.
 - (2) "Such an assembly on the night of the Paschal Supper must have been still more at variance with usage."
 - (3) "The present gathering was therefore, an informal one—probably a packed meeting."
 - (4) Jesus was treated with contempt before Annas, even before there was a semblance of a trial.
 - (5) False witnesses were sought to testify against Jesus.
 - (6) And though in the morning there was a semblance of formality and of legality, their hypocrisy was apparent to all.
 - (7) The sentence pronounced was illegal both by Jewish and Roman law, being done at night. Yet their treatment of Christ was as though their decision was lawful and final.

II. THE CONDUCT OF JESUS BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

1. *Dignified, self-poised, and yet full of holy meekness.*—V. 61.
2. *When put under oath, Jesus avowed His Messiahship.*—Vs. 61 (1. c.), 62.
 - (1) This avowal was unequivocal.
 - (2) It was brief but all-comprehensive.

II. PETER'S UNMANLINESS WHILE JESUS WAS BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

1. *Its cause.*
 - (1) Direct—fear.