

is His own dear Self. He had spent three full years "going about", not waiting for the needy to come to Him, but going to them and "doing good". Was it surprising then, when the last days drew near, that His great, noble Heart should overflow with the desire of accomplishing a work that might be the masterpiece of all His kind deeds ; to work a miracle of love that should complete all the miracles of His whole life each one wrought through pitying love for the suffering souls around Him.

Jesus chooses the Supper Room for the place of offering the Lamb whose Sacred Flesh is our food ; the Paschal Lamb of the new people of God. His loving, earnest Heart is weary of the "Figures", He must have the reality for His Heavenly Father whose mercy has been so sorely taxed. The "Lamb of God" is to appease His justice, but oh ! to think of what must be gone through before another sun-set ! He has thought it all out many a time ; He has measured the depth of the agony before He sits there in the Supper Room with the men whom He had called His friends and who had sworn to drink the Chalice with Him, His enemies, including one of that little group, were getting ready to seize Him. He knows all that He has to face, and yet He calmly prepares for all men the repast by which they are to live of the life He is so ready to relinquish through purest love of their wayward soul.

He establishes the Sacrifice which will keep men thinking of the Sacrifice of Calvary and which will remain in after time the only true sacrifice.

While the malice of man is devising plans for a long spiteful persecution and bitter death, Jesus is quietly putting into execution the divine plan of pardon and mercy by which He hoped to win us all over to His love. Did He hear the whizz of the scourges that would forcibly draw from His veins the ruddy stream with which He was so lovingly filling the chalice to present to His Apostles ?

We think He must have for the wording of His injunction is clear : " Drink ye all of this ; for this is