

Lesson IV.

JESUS TEACHES HUMILITY

April 26, 1908

John 13 : 1-15. Commit to memory vs. 3-6. Study John 13 : 1-20.

GOLDEN TEXT—A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you.—John 13 : 34.

1 Now before the feast of the passover, ¹ when Je'sus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

2 And ² supper being ended, the devil having ³ now put into the heart of Ju'das Iscar'iot, Si'mon's son, to betray him ;

3 Je'sus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he ⁴ was come from God, and ⁵ went to God ;

4 He riseth from supper, and ⁶ laid aside his garments ; and ⁷ took a towel, and girded himself.

5 ⁸ After that he poureth water into ⁹ a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6 ¹⁰ Then cometh he to Si'mon Pe'ter : ¹¹ and Pe'ter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet ?

7 Je'sus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now ; but thou shalt ¹² know hereafter.

Revised Version—¹ Jesus knowing that ; ² during supper ; ³ already ; ⁴ came forth ; ⁵ goeth unto God, riseth ; ⁶ layeth ; ⁷ he ; ⁸ Then he ; ⁹ the ; ¹⁰ So he cometh to ; ¹¹ He saith ; ¹² understand ; ¹³ bathed ; ¹⁴ him that should ; ¹⁵ when he ; ¹⁶ Omit had ; ¹⁷ sat ; ¹⁸ the Lord and the Master ; ¹⁹ also.

LESSON PLAN

- I. The Divine Son, 1-3.
- II. The Lowly Servant, 4-11.
- III. The Great Master, 12-15.

* DAILY READINGS

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M.—Jesus teaches humility, John 13 : 1-20. T.—The humble spirit, Isa. 57 : 13-21. W.—Humility and greatness, Matt. 18 : 1-7. Th.—Nobility of service, Matt. 20 : 20-28. F.—The lowest place, Luke 14 : 1-11. S.—Grace or the humble, 1 Peter 5 : 1-11. S.—Pride condemned, Matt. 23 : 1-12.

8 Pe'ter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Je'sus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me

9 Si'mon Pe'ter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also *my* hands and *my* head.

10 Je'sus saith to him, He that is ¹³ washed needeth not save to wash *his* feet, but is clean every whit : and ye are clean, but not all

11 For he knew ¹⁴ who should betray him ; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

12 So ¹⁵ after he had washed their feet, and ¹⁶ had taken his garments, and ¹⁷ was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you ?

13 Ye call me Master and Lord : and ye say well ; for so I am.

14 If I then, ¹⁸ your Lord and Master, have washed your feet ; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 For I have given you an example, that ye ¹⁹ should do as I have done to you.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 88-90.

The Question on Missions—4. What is being done for the religious welfare of the people of Labrador ? For over a century the Moravian Church has had a mission to the Esquimaux ; Dr. Grenfell carries on work among the deep sea fishermen ; and our own and other Canadian churches minister to the permanent white settlers.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 116 (Supplemental Lesson) ; 217 ; 240 ; 38 (Ps. Sel.) ; 171 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY) ; 151.

Special Scripture Reading—1 Cor. 13. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

EXPOSITION

Time and Place—Thursday evening, April 6, A. D. 30 ; Jerusalem.

Connecting Links—Leaving Bethany on Sunday, April 2, Jesus made His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, ch. 12 : 12-13. He visited Jerusalem also on Monday and on Tuesday. It was on Tuesday that the visit of the Greeks took place, ch. 12 : 20-33. After spending Wednesday and Thursday quietly at Bethany, He went on Thursday evening, with His disciples, to an upper room in Jerusalem, that they might observe the Passover (see Mark 14 : 12-17).

I. The Divine Son, 1-3.

V. 1. *When Jesus knew*, etc. The knowledge He had of His approaching sufferings and death, which might well have thrown in His thoughts upon Himself, in no way weakened His love and care for His followers. *Having loved his own, loved them unto the end.* The love which they had experienced in all their earthly companionship with Jesus, shone forth in peculiar tenderness, when He

was about to leave them. The fact that He was departing to the Father, while they were remaining in a cold, unsympathetic world, drew forth His affection in a unique degree.

Vs. 2, 3. *During supper* Rev. Ver. ; "supper being on the table". *The devil ; the great tempter. Put into the heart of Judas ; fanning into the flame of actual crime the revengeful feelings kindled by Jesus' rebuke at the Bethany supper (see ch. 12 : 4-7, Lesson III.). To betray him.* Judas had already made his infamous bargain with the chief priests, Matt. 26 : 14-16. *Jesus knowing*, etc. The Son of God, the Possessor of all power, the Sent of God, soon to share again the Father's glory—all this Jesus knew. His lofty dignity is thus solemnly described to bring out more vividly His wonderful humility.

II. The Lowly Servant, 4-11.

Vs. 4, 5. *Riseth from supper.* The washing of the feet always came before a meal, and never while it was going on. Jesus had taken