

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS.

(Compiled from Hughes' Studies in Mark.)

Oct. 22, Mark IV: 32-42.

Parallels,

Matt. 26: 36-46.

Luke 22: 36-46.

John 18: 1.

Golden Text,

Catechism, 86, 87.

TOPIC: The Agony of the Garden.

I. ITS CAUSE.

1. *Not the physical sufferings that Jesus knew were before Him.*
2. *Not the ignominy of the cross nor the triumph of His enemies.*
3. *It was the terrible ordeal of enduring the hiding of His Father's face, while He was "made a curse for us."—Gal. 3: 13.*

II. ITS SEVERITY.

1. *It came with overwhelming suddenness.—"He.... began to be sore amazed."—Astonished: stunned.*
2. *It came with overwhelming power.—"My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death." "And being in agony... his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground."—Luke 22: 44.*

III. THE SPIRIT MANIFESTED BY OUR LORD UNDER THE TRIAL.

1. *He craved human sympathy.—Vs. 33, 34.*
2. *He sought divine strength.—Vs. 35, 36.*
3. *He was perfectly submissive to His Father's will.*

IV. THE FATHER'S TREATMENT OF HIS SON.

1. *Jesus was heard of His Father "in that which he feared."—Heb. 5: 7.*
2. *The Father sent Him the needed strength.—"And there appeared an angel unto Him from heaven, strengthening Him."—Luke 22: 43.*
- (1) This strength was all-suffi-

cient. His wonted calmness returned. His body was reinvigorated.

V. HIS DISCIPLES' CONDUCT DURING THIS SEASON OF THEIR LORD'S AGONY.—Vs. 37-41.

1. *Though their drowsiness arose from their sorrow, their sympathy was not sufficient to keep them awake.*
2. *Though their drowsiness arose from their sorrow, their Lord's injunction was not sufficiently heeded to keep them awake.*

PRACTICAL LESSONS.

1. How ineffable was the consciousness of His Father's favor to Jesus, when a thought of even a temporary withdrawal of that favor, even while He atoned for human sin, should have overwhelmed Him with such unutterable anguish of soul.—What a lesson for those to whom the light of the Divine countenance is sometimes a matter of small importance.
2. How unreliable is human sympathy in the hours of our profoundest sorrow.
3. How real is the grace of God, imparted in answer to prayer.
 - (1) It chases away the darkest gloom.
 - (2) It delivers from the power of the strongest grief.
 - (3) It bestows all-sufficient strength for every emergency.
4. How utterly selfish the sleeping disciple becomes.
 - (1) No matter to Peter, James, and John how Jesus suffered, they must sleep.
 - (2) No matter how much they were enjoined to watch and pray, they must sleep!—How many there are to-day like them.

Oct. 29, Mark. XIV 43-54.

Parallels, Matt. 26: 47-56.

Luke 22: 47-53.

John 18: 2-11.

Golden text, Mark 14: 41.

Catechism, 88, 89.

TOPIC: Jesus Betrayed and Taken.

I. BY WHOM BETRAYED.

1. *By "Judas, one of the twelve."*
 - (1) The general character of Judas.
 - (2) The occasion of his treachery