

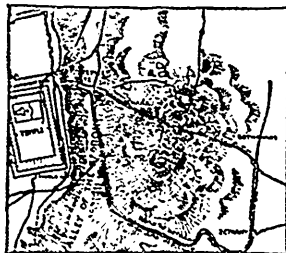
he knew the wicked plot. **Whom seek ye?** A question to turn the enemies' attention away from the disciples and fix it on himself. **Jesus of Nazareth**; already pointed out by Judas' traitorous kiss, Matt. 26: 48, 49. **I am he**; freely giving himself up. **Went backward, and fell to the ground**; panic-stricken in their cowardly, guilty hearts before this one, as brave as he was innocent, and overcome also by some appearance in him of divine majesty. **Let these go their way**; that is, the disciples: Jesus was eager to keep them safe from suffering. **That the word might be fulfilled** (Rev. Ver.); uttered in his intercessory prayer, ch. 17: 12.

10, 11. Simon Peter; true to his rash, impetuous character. **Therefore** (Rev. Ver.). Luke says, "when they... saw what would follow," that is, the violent arrest of Jesus. (See Luke 22: 49.) **A sword**. See Luke 22: 38. **High priest's servant**; who, doubtless, had been prominent in the attack upon Jesus. **Then said Jesus, etc.** For the reason which he gave, see Matt. 26: 52, 53. **The cup**; of sorrow. **Shall I not drink it?** These words describe the full surrender of Jesus, and picture what our surrender to God should be.

Vs. 12-14 tell of Jesus' appearance before Annas, and then before Caiaphas.

II. THE DENIAL.—15-17. **Simon Peter** followed; but, alas! only "afar off" and "to see the end," so quickly had his boldness vanished. **Another disciple**; John himself. **Known unto the high priest**... went in; a reason to keep John back had he not been less anxious about his own safety and about being near his Lord. **The court of the high priest** (Rev. Ver.); the enclosed space, open to the sky, within the official residence. **Stood at the door without**; the door leading to the street. **The damsel**; female slave. **Thou also**; as well as John, whom she knew to be a disciple of Jesus. **I am not**; the first of Peter's denials. For the other two, see vs. 25-27.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



GETHSEMANE is situated on the slope of the Mount of Olives, about 150 feet from the base. A stone wall encloses a plot of ground nearly square, containing eight very ancient olive trees.

They are of immense size, the largest being about twenty feet in circumference.

LESSON QUESTIONS

1 What valley did Jesus cross? What kind of stream flowed through the valley? Into what garden did he enter? Give the meaning of the name Gethsemane. How may the garden have got this name?

2, 3 How did Judas know whether Jesus had gone? Who were the "band of soldiers"? Who were the "officers"? Find in the Psalms a reference to the treachery of a pretended friend. (Ps. 55: 12-14.)

4-9 What question did Jesus ask? Explain the purpose of the question. Give his enemies' answer. What caused a panic in the crowd? Whom did Jesus wish to keep safe?

10, 11 How did Peter show his rashness? Why did Jesus rebuke the conduct of Peter? What words indicate Jesus' full surrender to his Father's will? What did Jesus once say was his ment? (Ch. 4: 34.)

15-17 Whither did Peter follow Jesus, and how? By whom was he accused of being a disciple of Jesus? What was his reply? How often did Peter deny his master?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Is it ever right for Christians to resist injuries?
2. Would it be worse for one of us to deny Jesus than it was for Peter?

A PRAYER

O thou who hast loved us and given thyself for us, teach us to give ourselves to thee and never to take back the gift. We thank thee that thou art ready to keep us. Teach us to keep close to thee that we may be kept. Make us proud to bear the name Christian. Make us less unworthy of thee. Make us sincere and earnest, faithful and true. Save us from sin—not only the sin against which we are on guard, but the sin which we think we never can commit. And we shall praise thy name forever more. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That we should not deny Jesus.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 39-50.

The Question on Missions—(June, THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY HOSPITAL AT ETHELBERG, MANITOBA)—10. What is the hospital at Ethelberg like? Ethelberg is a little village in Manitoba, on the Canadian Northern Railway, about 35 miles north of Dauphin. The mission hospital there is equipped with all necessary conveniences, including furnace, water works, laundry, telephones and electric bells. It accommodates 25 patients and has, besides, nurses' quarters, an operating room and a dispensary.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What caused the panic amongst Jesus' enemies?
2. Give an account of Peter's first denial.

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