

30. That this day. "That thou to-day, even this night." This day refers to the period of twenty-four hours; this night, to the precise portion of it. **Before the cock crow twice.** The first cock-crowing was used as a term to designate the midnight hour, the second, the time about three o'clock in the morning. Between these two periods came Peter's denial. The scribes forbade the keeping of fowls in Jerusalem, but there is no evidence that their precepts were followed by the mass of the people. **Deny me thrice.** Profess not to be a disciple. See the last eight verses of this chapter.

31. The more vehemently. "Exceeding vehemently." [Revised Version.] He measured his words against his Lord's, showing increased assurance. **If I should die with thee.** Perhaps the thought had begun to dawn upon him that his Lord might die; and he felt ready to die at his side. **Said they all.** The example of Peter led the rest to a similar profession, sincere, but mistaken.

GOLDEN TEXT.

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.—1 Cor. 11. 26.

OUTLINE.

1. The Solemn Feast, v. 22-26.
2. The Mistaken Friend, v. 27-31.

LESSON HYMNS.

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S. M.

Come, all who truly bear
The name of Christ your Lord,
His last mysterious supper share,
And keep his kindest word.

Hereby your faith approve
In Jesus crucified;
"In memory of my dying love,
Do this," he said,—and died.

Then let us still profess
Our Master's honoured name;
Stand forth his faithful witnesses,
True followers of the Lamb.

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C. M.

In memory of the Saviour's love,
We keep the sacred feast,
Where every humble, contrite heart
Is made a welcome guest.

By faith we take the bread of life
With which our souls are fed,
The cup in token of his blood
That was for sinners shed.

Under his banner thus we sing
The wonders of his love,
And thus anticipate by faith
The heavenly feast above.

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C. M.

"The promise of my Father's love
Shall stand for ever good,"
He said; and gave his soul to death,
And sealed the grace with blood.

I call that legacy my own
Which Jesus did bequeath;
'Twas purchased with a dying groan,
And ratified in death.

Sweet is the memory of his name
Who blest us in his will,
And to his testament of love,
Made his own life the seal.

HOME READINGS.

- M. The Lord's Supper. Mark 14. 22-31.
Tu. The supper a memorial. 1 Cor. 11. 23-34.
W. The Saviour's humility. John 13. 1-17.
Th. The cup of blessing. 1 Cor. 10. 1-21.
F. The supper in the early Church. Acts 2. 37-47.
S. Eating and drinking Christ. John 6. 35-58.
S. The supper of the Lamb. Rev. 19. 6-13.

Time.—A.D. 29, on the evening before the crucifixion, immediately after the last lesson.

Place.—Jerusalem, and the western slope of the Mount of Olives.

Parallel Passages.—Matt. 26. 26-35; Luke 22. 19-33; John 13. 21-38.

Explanations.—*Took bread*—The unleavened bread upon the table. *Break it*—As an emblem of his own body broken for us. *This is my body*—"This represents my body." *The cup*—Containing the wine of the supper. *This is my blood*—"This represents my blood." As the wine is poured out, so Christ's blood was shed for us. *New testament*—New Covenant, or pledge of God toward men; God's promise to save us by the blood of Christ. So every Lord's Supper reminds us that Christ died for our salvation. *Drink it new*—In the kingdom of glory in heaven. *Sung an hymn*—One of the psalms that were chanted at the passover. *Offended*—Caused to lose their faith in Jesus. *The sheep*—The disciples. *Yet will not I*—Peter did not know the weakness of his own heart. *Cock crows twice*—The first crowing is at midnight, the second at about two or three o'clock.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. The Solemn Feast, v. 22-26. What did Jesus do as they were eating? What did he mean by "this is my body"? What did Christ say in John 6. 51? How may we eat Christ's body? What did he do with the cup? What did he say of his blood? What is here meant by the new testament? What is said of the new testament in Heb. 9. 15? What is the benefit of the Lord's Supper? [Golden Text.] What did Jesus say of himself in verse 25? When will that promise be fulfilled? Rev. 7. 17. How was the supper ended? What is said of singing in Col. 3. 16?

2. The Mistaken Friend, v. 27-31. What did Jesus say would soon take place? What prophecy did he quote? Zech. 13. 7. What did he promise the disciples? What pledge did Peter make? How did Christ answer Peter? How did the disciples show their ignorance of themselves?