

the enemy is called a *traitor*, and is shot dead in punishment.)

Our lesson is about a very wicked *traitor*, Judas Iscariot. He was a traitor to his Captain (his leader, teacher, best friend), Jesus, whom he had no cause to betray.

Recall the scene in the upper room, where Jesus and the disciples had supper together. Judas left the room before the others. Why did he go? To tell Jesus' enemies, and show them where they could find Him. Judas knew that Jesus often went to a garden (Gethsemane) on the side of Mt. of Olives.

This time His disciples met with Him, all but Judas. Describe the midnight scene very vividly; Judas and the soldiers coming from the city out to the garden with lanterns and torches and sticks and swords; Judas coming up to Jesus and kissing Him to let the soldiers know this was the one they were looking for. Describe the rough usage of the soldiers. Jesus asked them not to harm the disciples (thoughtful of them, not of Himself). They bound Him and led Him away (Golden Text).

Jesus knew that all this would happen. It was part of God's plan, foretold by the prophets hundreds of years before. Emphasize the fact of Jesus going *willingly*, making no struggle. When Peter in his rash zeal tried to defend his Master, Jesus graciously healed the ear of Mal-

chus, which Peter had cut off. Jesus did not want any fighting, but wanted to yield Himself up and suffer everything there was to suffer for us. Impress on the children the dignity of Christ, His power to resist if He had wished. He stopped Peter from defending Him, and said if He wished it God, His Father, would send legions of angels to defend Him (Matt. 26: 53).

Explain Judas' love of money, carrying the purse, sometimes stealing from it. His greed grew so strong that he offered to *betray* Jesus to those who hated Him for thirty pieces of silver (about \$3).

Practical Thoughts.—Speak of sins caused by the love of money; things that children sometimes do for the sake of a little gain—cheating at games and marbles; what their sins may lead to. When we do these things *we betray ourselves* to Satan, Jesus' enemy (betraying Jesus, too), selling ourselves often very cheaply. Has Jesus any enemies now? Yes. Scoffers and all Satan's friends. Can little disciples betray Him now? Do not little ones betray Him when they do things that look as if they were not His friends? Then Satan is pleased. Don't you like Peter because he tried to help Jesus? He showed to Jesus' enemies that he was *loyal*. Won't you all show that too? Shall we not all be true to Jesus? "Let us draw near (Jesus) with a true heart." (Heb. 10: 22.)

LESSON VIII.—May 21, 1899

CHRIST BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST. John 18: 15-27

PREVIEW THOUGHT: Christ Jesus saves by His Life and Death

Golden Text.—"He came unto his own and his own received him not."—John 1: 11.

To-day's Lesson Thought.—I should be ready to speak up for Jesus.

Connection.—Draw outline of Mount of Olives, garden on hillside, strokes for Christ, eleven disciples, soldiers led by Judas. Recall lesson. When the rough soldiers had bound Jesus they took him off to the city—down the hillside of Olivet—across the Cedron valley—up through the city gates to the high-priest's palace in Jerusalem.

The Lesson.—Wouldn't you think it a queer-looking house having four walls without

any windows and only one doorway with an iron gate. (Draw blackboard outline); the kind of houses they had in Jerusalem? Let us go in. Someone opens the gate; we walk in through the archway and find ourselves in a square, open court without roof. When outside, we wondered where the windows were; now we see they all open into the court. Doors too open from the court into the house. When the weather is cold they have a fire in the centre of the court, perhaps like a little bonfire.

In a house or palace like this the high-priest of the temple (Caiaphas) lived. His father-in-law, Annas, who had been high-priest, also lived