

demption of mankind could be accomplished best by his endurance of the bitter sufferings of the cross. **Thy will be done.** This showed the complete surrender of self and submission to the divine will.

**43. He came and found them.** Again craving the sympathy of their hearts, only to be denied. **Asleep again.** They were thus losing their last opportunity to help their Lord in his supreme need. **Their eyes were heavy.** As if vainly trying to keep their eyes open, and slowly yielding to the physical weariness. *(I have like ourselves were those disciples?)*

**44. He left them.** To a loneliness all the deeper because of their weakness of will. **Prayed the third time.** *(8) Let us follow our Leader in persistent, persevering, but submissive prayer. Saying the same words.* As Plumptre says, "There is a repetition in

prayer which indicates not formalism, but intensity of feeling."

**45. Then cometh he.** His prayer was answered in complete content with God's will, and in the presence of the strengthening angel. **Luke 22. 43. Sleep on now.** These words seem to be spoken in a kind of tender irony. "You may as well sleep on now, for your opportunity to give sympathy and protection is past." **The hour is at hand.** The hour of betrayal, beginning the sufferings of the Saviour at the hands of men. **Hands of sinners.** Perhaps at that moment he caught sight of the lights of the approaching enemies.

**46. Rise, let us be going.** Not to escape from the traitor, but to meet him. **He is at hand.** Instead of naming Judas, the Saviour described him, and thus showed that he recognized the fulfillment of his own predictions concerning the betrayal.

### HOME READINGS.

- M. Jesus in Gethsemane. Matt. 26. 31-35.  
 Th. Jesus in Gethsemane. Matt. 26. 36-46.  
 W. The betrayal. John 18. 1-12.  
 Th. Christ's agony. Luke 22. 39-46.  
 F. The suffering Son. Heb. 5. 1-9.  
 S. Perfected through suffering. Heb. 2. 10-18.  
 S. (Whit Sunday.) John 16. 6-16.

### GOLDEN TEXT.

Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered. Heb. 5. 8.

### LESSON HYMNS.

No. 174, Dominion Hymnal.

When I survey the wondrous cross  
 On which the Prince of glory died,

No. 173, Dominion Hymnal.

Behold the Saviour of mankind  
 Nailed to the shameful tree.

No. 175, Dominion Hymnal.

Alas! and did my Saviour bleed?  
 And did my Sovereign die?

**TIME.**—The same night.

**PLACE.**—On the slope of Olivet, in Gethsemane.

**RULERS.**—Same as before.

**DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—Obedience.

### QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

#### 1. The Suffering Saviour.

Where is Gethsemane?  
 Why did Jesus stop in Gethsemane?  
 How many disciples were with him?  
 Name those that he left first, nearest the garden entrance?  
 What made the Saviour so exceeding sorrowful?  
 How did he manifest his great sorrow?  
 How intense was his suffering as told by another evangelist?

What was the proof of his agony which is left for us?  
 Was his prayer answered?  
 Give a reason for your answer.

#### 2. The sleeping Disciples.

Did all the disciples fall asleep?  
 Does it prove that they had no sympathy with Jesus?  
 Was his question reproachful or compassionate?  
 What time of night was it?  
 To whom did Jesus address his question?

Why?  
 Was it strange that they went asleep the second time?

What must this prove concerning their condition?  
 What had they undergone that could make them thus?

In what did the agony and the sleeping end?

### Practical Teachings.

There has never been but one Gethsemane, but its sorrows ought to help us always to bear ours, no matter how great.

For they cannot be as great as his.  
 Do we shrink from sorrow? So did he.  
 Do we pray for deliverance? So did he.  
 Do we patiently meet whatever comes? So did he.

Can we say always, "Not as I will?" So could he.  
 To shrink from painful duty is not sinful: it is human.  
 To refuse to meet the duty makes the sin.  
 Christ shrank from the cup, but he took it, nevertheless.

Here is a royal motto for life: "Not as I will, but as thou wilt."

### Hints for Home Study.

1. Learn all the details of this scene. Trace the walk from the upper room in the city. Find where Gethsemane was. Think out the conversation that must have occurred as they walked.

2. Where was Judas? Learn all you can concerning his movements. When he left the upper room; where he went; where the disciples next saw him.

3. Learn all that is said about the actions of Jesus in this lesson. There are fourteen or more different things said.

4. Be sure to read the verses between the last lesson and this lesson. Here is a question as to customs suggested. Were common fowls raised among the Jews, or allowed near their sacred places?

### QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

#### 1. The suffering Saviour.

To what place did Jesus and his disciples go?  
 What command did he give to the disciples?  
 Whom did he take farther with him?  
 What were the Saviour's feelings?  
 What did he say to the three disciples?  
 What did he then do?  
 What was his prayer?  
 How many times was this prayer repeated?  
 What answer did he receive? Luke 22. 43.  
 What sign of great agony was seen? Luke 22. 44.  
 What lesson did the Saviour learn by suffering? (Golden Text.)

#### 2. The sleeping Disciples.

When Jesus returned what did he find?  
 What question did he ask Peter?  
 Why was Peter asked, rather than James or John?  
 What did he exhort them to do?  
 In what condition did he find them the second time?  
 Why had they fallen asleep? Luke 22. 45.  
 What did he bid them do when he came the third time?  
 What did he say about his betrayal?  
 Who was even then near at hand?  
 What prophecy was thus fulfilled? ver. 21.

### Teachings of the Lesson.

Where in this lesson are we taught—

1. That sin means sorrow and death?
2. That prayer is a support under trial?
3. That God's will is our highest good?

### Hints for Home Study.

Find on what other important occasion the three disciples here named were with Jesus apart from the others.

Find what is said in the Epistle to the Hebrews about the Saviour's agony in the garden.

### QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

Where did Jesus go with his disciples? To the Garden of Gethsemane.

Had Jesus ever been there before? Yes, he often went there to rest and to pray.