

Lesson X.

JESUS AND CAIAPHAS

March 10, 1901

Matt. 26 : 57-68—Memory Verses, 62-64

Golden Text—Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.—Matt. 16 : 16.

57 And they that had laid hold on Je'sus led *him* away to Cai'aphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

58 But Pe'ter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.

59 Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Je'sus, to put him to death ;

60 But found none : yea, though many false witnesses came, *yet* found they none. At the last came two false witnesses,

61 And said, This *fellow* said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.

62 And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what *is it which* these witness against thee?

63 But Je'sus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the son of God.

64 Je'sus saith unto him, Thou hast said : nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy ; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now we have heard his blasphemy.

66 What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death.

67 Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him ; and others smote *him* with the palms of their hands,

68 Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?

THE LESSON RETOLD

Although the frightened disciples ran away from the Garden when Jesus was taken by the soldiers, Peter and John followed Him at a safe distance through the darkness to see what should become of Him.

They saw Jesus, with the ropes still round His wrists, taken to the High Priest's house to be judged. Peter, with his friend, managed to get into the house and sat down to warm himself in the servant's room where he could see all that went on in the judgment hall.

When Jesus was brought in, the chief

priest, whose name was Caiaphas, and his friends were very glad. They had been sitting there a long time waiting to judge Him.

They said to Jesus : "Why have you been making so much trouble?" and they brought in false witnesses, that is, men who were paid to say that Jesus had been doing wrong and should be killed. But none of them could prove anything against Him.

After this had been going on for some time, they set up two witnesses who said scoffingly : "We once heard this fellow say