

International Sunday School Lesson for Sunday, May 24th

JESUS PREPARING FOR THE END

Printed Verses: Luke 22:7-23.

Golden Text: This Do In Remembrance of Me.

The Lesson

And the day of the unleavened bread came, on which the passover must be sacrificed. And He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make ready for us the passover, that we may eat." And they said unto Him, "Where wilt thou that we make ready?" And He said unto them, "Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house whereto he goeth. And ye shall say unto the master of the house, 'The Teacher saith unto thee, Where is the guest-chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished: there make ready." And they went, and found as He had said unto them: and they made ready the passover. And when the hour was come, He sat down, and the apostles with Him. And He said unto them, "With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I shall not eat it, until it be fulfilled in the Kingdom of God." And He received a cup, and when He had given thanks, He said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I shall not drink from henceforth of the fruit of the vine, until the Kingdom of God shall come." And He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of Me." And the cup in like manner after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, even that which is poured out for you. But behold, the hand of him that betrayeth Me is with Me on the table. For the Son of Man indeed goeth, as it hath been determined: but woe unto that man through whom He is betrayed!" And they began to question among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.

Comments on Lesson

Those students who fail to read the 20th and 21st chapters of Luke, which come in between last Sunday's lesson and that of next Sunday, will lose not

only many great truths explained therein, but will also fail to get the full significance of this lesson. Begin at the time when Jesus made His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and study the matchless scenes described in these two chapters before trying to grasp the lesson for next Sunday. Read of the teachings of Christ in the temple, and see how the leading Jews sought to trap Jesus in this teaching. The chief priests and the scribes, and leading Jews, the Romans, the Pharisees and the Sadducees, all joined hands, ancient enemies though they were, yet willing to lay aside their personal animosities and join forces in battling against this New Power, this Man of Galilee, whose work had threatened their thrones and challenged their positions of power.

You will see wherein the chief priests and scribes sought to lay violent hands upon Jesus, and were prevented from so doing only because of their fear of the great throngs which followed Him and believed on Him. Those of you who attend our courts will be most interested in the way and manner in which He replied to the many questions put to Him by those who sought His destruction, and each one of these questions was answered in such manner as to put to rout those who questioned Him. It is in these chapters, also, that Jesus gave to the world that beautiful story of the great gift represented by the widow's mite, and other equally gripping and interesting presentations of wonderful truths which have come down through the ages to cheer the despondent, encourage the discouraged, and strengthen the weak.

Study well the pictures presented of the second coming of Christ. We are much too busy these days trying to accumulate fortunes, or in an effort to rebuild a fortune that has just been swept away, to give much study to the all-important question of the second coming of Christ. It is well and good for us to study about the time that Jesus came two thousand years ago, but unless the study of that great event leads us to be prepared for the next coming, an event of greatest import to each and every one of us, then we have gained nothing in our study of the first coming of Christ. We know not the day nor the hour, but we do know that He is coming, and the only safe way for us to live, then, is to live that His coming at any time, any hour, would find us ready. Study well the lessons in these intervening chapters, and then take up the chapter in which this lesson is found.

This chapter begins with explanation of the feast of unleavened bread, which was drawing nigh, and was called the Passover, an event religiously observed by the Jews in remembrance of their deliverance from bondage under the leadership of Moses. The lamb was killed on the evening before the feast, and roasted whole. Its shed blood denoted atonement for sin. Unleavened bread was eaten with the lamb to signify purity, while the bitter herbs used with the feast signified the bitterness of Egyptian bondage. As this feast drew near the enemies of Jesus sought some means of slaying Him. The Sanhedrin, or Jewish Senate, was bitterly incensed against Him because of the defeats they encountered in trying to trap Jesus. They were shrewd men, and they knew that the common people, the masses, as we call them, were on the side of Jesus, and they knew that they must take Him by sharp tactics. They were looking for a weak place in the organization of which Jesus was the central figure, and, being smart men, they found that weak place. They found a member of Jesus Christ's own group, one of the Twelve, that they could buy. These smart Jews had been watching the disciples, just as the world is today watching the preachers and church leaders, and they found their man. They had seen the greed in the face of Judas; they knew how he had fussed when Mary poured precious ointment on the tired feet of her Master; they knew the look of selfishness in the eyes of Judas as he schemed and planned to be always nearest Jesus, not because of his desire to be near Him, but his selfish desire to be seen nearest Him, and, therefore, be looked upon as the big man in the organization.

So these members of the Jewish Senate, knowing their man, paid him thirty pieces of silver to betray the Master, just as men have been selling out ever since for their own personal gain and to satisfy their own greed. Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the lamb must be slain for the Passover, which Jesus determined to keep in the city. Calling Peter and John to Him, He ordered them to go and make preparations for the Passover. They asked Him where they were to go, and He told them to go into the city, and they would see

Oakland News Items

Charles Bennett of Knoxville, Tenn., is here to spend sometime with his wife, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Reid.

E. A. Reid returned from Asheville the first of the week. He was excused from serving as juror at Federal court.

Miss Gertrude Posey of Mills River, is visiting friends here this week.

A party made up of young folks from Rosman, Lake Toxaway and Oakland, and chaperoned by Mr. and

a man carrying a pitcher of water, and they were to follow him into whatever house he entered. This was an easy task, because the sight of a man carrying a pitcher of water was a rare sight, because the women carried the water always. They were to follow this man into the house, and say to the master of the house: "The Teacher saith unto thee, where is the guest chamber, where I shall eat the Passover with my disciples?" Jesus told Peter and John that the master of the house would show them a large upper room, furnished, and there they were to make ready for the feast.

Peter and John found the place, as they had been directed, and made ready for the Passover. When the hour had come, Jesus and His disciples went to the prepared place, and the Master told His disciples that He had earnestly desired to eat this Passover with them, the last that He was ever to observe. He knew that He would no more observe this feast before the establishment of the Kingdom through the death of the Son. It was the custom to use four cups of wine in observance of this feast, and He poured the first cup, and gave thanks, passed it to the disciples, and told them to divide among themselves. He then brake the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is My body which is given to you," and indicated that ere long His body would be broken on the cross for the redemption of a lost world. "This do in remembrance of me," He told them, inaugurating in that moment a commemoration which He desired to be permanently observed by all who, in the ages to come, should be His followers.

Another cup, presumably the fourth cup, was passed, and Jesus said: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, even that which is poured out for you." Ah He knew that ere long His precious blood would be spilled on Calvary for mankind, and it was, indeed, a New Testament, a new day, a new way, for any by which men could be saved from their sins. And in that moment, with these words still ringing in the ears of the disciples, Jesus suddenly turned from these instructions and pointed to the fact that even in that moment, sitting at the table, drinking the wine that He poured, eating of the bread that He broke, was a man who was to betray Him to the enemy, for He said:

"But behold, the hand of Him that betrayeth Me is with Me on this table." Then, continuing, Jesus said: "For the Son of Man goeth, as it hath been determined, but woe unto the man through whom He is betrayed." And then, we are told, the disciples began to question among themselves as to which one of the group that should do this thing.

Friends, when we observe this great event in our form of serving the sacrament, we ought to do it for Him. And when we worship in the church or in our everyday lives, we ought to do it with an eye single to the great Christ, the Saviour. The Passover was observed by the Jews in remembrance of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. We should observe in commemoration of our deliverance from sin and Satan through the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross. His enemies are seeking to destroy Him today, not through physical death, as the Sanhedrin sought to slay Him, but to kill His influence on earth, to destroy the faith of man in Jesus Christ as the Son of God. Are we, like Judas, betraying Him with a kiss? Are we selling Jesus Christ for money, for power, for political preferment? Do we attend church, partake of the bread that represents his broken body, drink of the wine that represents His shed blood, and at the very moment of doing this, are we, deep down in our hearts betraying Him to His enemies?

Let us give serious thought and prayerful study to these great lessons as given by the inspired writers. There is much work for every Christian to do. He deserves the very best there is in us, for He paid a tremendous price for our salvation. He is coming again, some day, and we know not the day nor the hour. How many of us would be ready for His coming today?

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W. O. W. HAD FINE MEETING MONDAY

Brevard Woodmen held an enjoyable meeting Monday night in the W. O. W. Hall. J. A. Terry was initiated into the fraternity of Woodcraft, and report of the delegates, to the State Convention, W. H. Grogan and A. B. Galloway, were heard.

Messrs Galloway and Grogan reported that the movement started sometime ago by the Western North Carolina district to induce the state to maintain an institution for criminal youths from the ages of 16 to 20 was gaining headway and bade fair to be taken up by other civic organizations. Another movement sponsored by the State Convention is that of "a playground for every child in North Carolina."

After the meeting, members in attendance were guests of the Camp at a supper given at The Canteen.

Mrs. Clarence Newton spent a delightful evening on the banks of Horse Pasture river.

Mrs. J. L. Sanders called on Mrs. E. A. Reid and Miss Cora Wilson Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Fred McNeely was a pleasant caller at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Sanders one day last week.

Misses Flora and Bess Reid of Brevard, spent the week-end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Reid.

Mrs. Waite Reid and daughter, Miss Lessie and son T. W. of Sapphire, spent Saturday evening with friends in Brevard.

Rev. and Mrs. S. B. McCall and Leonard Thomas motored to Morganton and back Sunday. Mr. McCall is under the care of a specialist at Morganton and went there for advice.

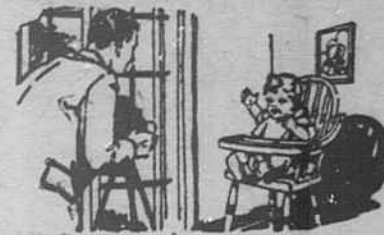
Mrs. Teague, an aged lady, was buried Monday at Lake Toxaway cemetery. Rev. J. M. Green of Rosman conducted the funeral services. J. C. McCall and sister, Miss Louise joined a party of young folks from Lake Toxaway Saturday afternoon on their way to Whiteside Mountain, returning Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McCall, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Newton, Miss Evand Sanders and brother, Lane, Miss Gertrude Posey and little Miss Mary Lee visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wike at Merrie-Woode Camp, Fairfield, Sunday afternoon.

Fred Norton of Swain county, is spending his vacation with friends, ranging from Cashiers Valley to Gloucester. He was calling on friends at Oakland first of the week.

Mrs. E. A. Reid and her house guest, Miss Cora Wilson, called on Mrs. I. S. Sanders Monday afternoon.

Those who are interested, will please remember the announcement made Sunday night of an all-day working at Lake Toxaway cemetery next Saturday, May 23rd, for the purpose of cleaning up the cemetery and church grounds and planting flowers.



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We have reconciled the Cash Book from the time of the last Audit July 31, 1930 through April 30, 1931 and find same in Balance.

We have checked each Mortgage Loan, and find every Deed In Trust together with Insurance Policy, in file, same amounting to \$194,600.00, and in balance with controlling account.

Stock Loans amounting to \$6,584.50, together with each individual note, were checked and in accordance with the controlling account.

We checked the Full-Paid Stock Ledger amounting to \$103,480.00 and the Pre-Paid amounting to \$8,375.50 and find them in accordance with the controlling account.

Each Individual Account of the Installment Ledger was gone over, totaling \$83,955.15, same corresponding with the controlling account in the Cash Journal.

The books are in balance, and in good shape.

We find that the Secretary is bonded for \$20,000.00.

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