

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

JOHN AND PETER IN
GETHESEMANE.

International Sunday School Lesson
for April 18, 1943.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation."—Matthew 26:41.

Lesson Text: Matthew 26:36-46;
John 18:10-12.

Following the celebration with his disciples of the Passover in the Upper probably at the home of the mother of John Mark, Jesus led his eleven followers (Judas having already deserted) to the Garden of Gethsemane, where he was accustomed to retire for prayer.

En route to the Garden, Jesus endeavored to prepare his beloved disciples for the approaching events of the night, saying that they would all be offended because of him. Not understanding what he meant, Peter quickly, with his customary impetuosity, immediately questioned such a prophecy concerning himself.

It would probably have been better had Peter not been so confident and boastful. However, Jesus told Peter that he would not only deny having known him, but would do so thrice. Even the repetition failed to alarm this courageous fisherman, who, in his blind confidence, confidently as-

ured Jesus that death itself would not make him so guilty.

Arriving at Gethsemane, Jesus took Peter and John and James and went further into the Garden with the expressed purpose of praying and with the request of his three disciples that they tarry there and wait. By way of parenthesis, we might point out that Jesus, the Son of God, felt the desperate need of prayer in facing this supreme test of his life. Surely, you and I should cultivate the spiritual power to stand the tests of our lives which will come to us through prayer.

Hardly had Jesus left them than the three disciples fell into deep slumber. Looking back over the centuries at the happenings recorded here, we are quick to condemn these friends of Jesus for their lack of sympathy or their disregard of the request of their leader. However, looked at through the eyes of the disciples, perhaps we should not be too critical. What would you or I have done under similar circumstances?

"When Jesus with his disciples entered the Garden he was facing the most troubled hour of his earthly experience. He fought his way through to spiritual victory, but as he entered, the fight was on. At such a time as that, the men whom he might have expected to stand by him failed him miserably. He had to fight out his battle alone, that was inevitable, but they could have stayed awake and showed that they sympathized with him in what he was passing through.

"They were dreadfully weary. Anxiety and worry are hard on the nerves, and men are often no better than their nerves will let them be. And then it is doubtful whether they fully realized the danger their Master was in, or the possibilities that faced him. He had been in difficult places before and had come safely through, and they must have expected that he would always do so . . .

"It is one thing to be indignant at the way Peter and John failed their Master in this great crisis, and quite another thing for us ourselves to stand loyally behind him and the causes which are dear to him. There are enough people called Christians to carry through successfully many important Christian enterprises that are failing through lack of support. Standing by Christ even in our own day is often no easy task."—Martha Tarbell.

To this retreat the soldiers of Pilate and the Temple police came to arrest the religious teacher whose influence the ecclesiastical leaders

feared would overthrow their authority and wealth. Judas came with the party, pointing out his former Master by means of a kiss. The bearing of Jesus was so majestic and his reputation so widespread that even some of the soldiers fell down in awe as he approached.

Peter, to his credit, drew his sword to defend his leader, but Jesus rebuked him, for his kingdom was not one of material force. It could not be founded or maintained upon a basis of physical violence. So, Jesus himself admits his identity and accompanies those who sought him. He was carried first before the ex-high priest, Annas, and then to the ruling high priest, Caiaphas, where witnesses testified against him. At length, Jesus affirmed his divinity and the tribunal voted him guilty of blasphemy.

After the examination before Annas, which was made in the early hours of the morning, Jesus was carried before Caiaphas, who seems to have occupied another wing of the same palace, connected by a courtyard. In this open place Peter, who had followed John to the palace, waited, and during his wait, denied on three separate occasions charges that he was a follower of Jesus. As the third denial was made, Jesus was being led through the courtyard for his next examination and it was then that he rebuked his fickle follower by one sad look, which was enough to cause Peter to rush out into the night, weeping bitterly for having so soon belied the brave words spoken earlier in the night.

Perquimans Small Farmers Livestock Sales On Upgrade

Leaders of Agriculture have long claimed that Eastern Carolina farms were adapted to the production of livestock and livestock products. But that is about as far as the leaders' claims have gone in most counties in this section until recently. Our last census figures show that only one dollar of livestock and livestock products sales to every fourteen dollars of crop sales for Eastern Carolina.

Farm Security Administration families in Perquimans County during 1942 have changed the agricultural leaders' claims to bold reality, according to figures furnished by A. Houston Edwards, County FSA Supervisor for Perquimans County.

There are 145 small farmers being assisted by the FSA in Perquimans County. The record further shows that these families sold a total of \$104,495.40 worth of livestock and livestock products during 1942. The sales were made from dairy products, beef, chickens, eggs and hogs. This made an average income of \$706.05 per farm from livestock and livestock products sales. It is really remarkable when compared to gross farm incomes for the Tidewater area. They show that 35.8 per cent. of all farmers' gross incomes from all sources were less than \$600.00 per farm.

It is also interesting to compare the FSA families livestock and livestock products incomes of \$706.05 with the same income for all farmers in Perquimans County. This was \$210.99 per farm, according to the 1940 census. However, it is expected that a considerable increase was made by all farmers in the county in the past two years.

How 148 small FSA farmers sold almost half as much livestock and livestock products as were sold by 1,056 farmers (the total number of farms in Perquimans County) just two short years ago is not just a happen so.

The Farm Security Administration program has since its inception been advising its borrowers to go into livestock production coupled with a live-at-home program on a sound basis. With the outbreak of the war it was realized that livestock and livestock products food would be needed in greater quantities than ever so the local supervisors have pushed this with the families in their supervision and educational work. They have helped the families to develop plans along those lines by making loan funds available for livestock production as well as crop production.

Farm Security families in Perquimans County are really trying to do their bit to aid the war effort by raising livestock to sell to feed the men in our armed forces.

More Milk Produced By Good Care And Feeding

Milk production of North Carolina dairy herds can be greatly increased through proper care and feeding, says J. A. Arey, dairy extension specialist at N. C. State College.

Years of herd improvement association work in the State has conclusively shown that unprofitable production of many cows is due to poor feed and care, rather than to a lack of the inherited ability to produce milk.

Arey cited the records of eleven mature Jersey cows which were on test at Willard. With a medium feed allowance, which was better than that received by other nearby

herds, they produced an average of 4,240 pounds of milk and 206 pounds of fat per year. Later, these same cows were given a full ration of similar feeds, but in different proportions, and the average production jumped to 7,125 pounds of milk and 352 pounds of fat per year.

Although more feed was consumed during the second period, the cost of producing one hundred pounds of milk was 27 percent less, points out Arey, and this was due to the increase in milk production.

The specialist said that if all North Carolina dairy cows were given a full feed ration and a resulting increased milk production obtained like that in the test at Willard, the average North Carolina cow would produce 269 pounds of fat rather than 158 pounds, and North Carolina would add 42,138,600 pounds of butterfat this year to meet increasing war needs.

Wholesale Company Buys Cigarettes For Foreign Service Men

The Jackson Wholesale Company of Hertford has recently had the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company ship the War Department one thousand packages of Camel cigarettes for free distribution to American fighting men in overseas service.

Providing smokes for the men is considered to be one of the greatest morale lifting factors among the boys serving in the present war. Each package purchased by the local concern has a special label reading, "We folks back home are thinking of you and your safe return. Compliments of the Jackson Wholesale Co., Hertford, N. C."

Rotenone Dusting Controls Pea Aphid

The pea aphid, which causes larger and larger losses to the May pea crop each year, can be controlled with a dust containing 0.5 rotenone, says Dr. Clyde F. Smith, associate entomologist of the N. C. Agricul-

tural Experiment Station at State College.

Recent government regulations permit the use of the 0.5 rotenone dust in the control of the pea aphid, according to the scientist. He also said that a dust containing one quart of 40 percent nicotine sulfate (black leaf 40) in 25 pounds of hydrated lime will give fair control.

Dr. Smith suggested that dusting begin as soon as aphids are found on about half of the plants and that often it is necessary to make an application of dust before the first blossoms open. Some years the plants need not be dusted more than once but in years of heavy infestation it may be necessary to dust several times.

"The plants must be dusted thor-

oughly and the dust must come in contact with the aphids in order to kill them," said Smith. He advised that a trailer be used to apply the dust to the plants so that both sides of the leaves as well as all other parts of the plant could be covered with the dust.

The small green aphids grow under side of the leaves, on the tender pods, and on the growing tips of the vines. An easy method of determining the presence of the aphids is to jar the plants over a piece of white paper or cloth. The aphids will drop off and can be easily seen on the white material.

Dr. Smith urged a regular inspection of the plants throughout the season to determine when control measures are necessary.

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