

Sunday School.

LESSON V.—OCT. 30, 1910.

The Anointing of Jesus.—Matt. 26: 1-16.

Commentary.—1. The plot of the Jewish leaders (vs. 1-5). 1. all these sayings—They include his utterances recorded in the preceding chapter. Jesus had delivered his last public address prior to his death. "His whole work as a prophet at last being performed, his work as a priest in the sacrifice of himself now commences."—Whedon. 2. After two days—The disciples were aware that the Passover was only two days ahead, for these words were spoken on Tuesday preceding the Friday of the crucifixion of Christ. The disciples knew when the feast would occur, but they did not know what was awaiting their Master. Ananias—One of the principal feasts of the Jews. It was observed in commemoration of the departure of the Israelites from the land of Egypt. Pharaoh, king of Egypt, was unwilling for the Israelites, who were his slaves, to leave Egypt, and the Lord sent a series of ten plagues upon the Egyptians. The last of these was the death of the first-born of every family. At God's command the Israelites had slain a lamb according to their families and had sprinkled the blood upon the door-posts and lintels of their houses. An angel of death who slew the first-born of the families "passed over" the homes where the blood was sprinkled, without slaying a child. The Israelites were saved and protected by the blood. betrayed to be crucified.—A prophecy which Jesus had already uttered in the presence of his disciples (Matt. 17:22, 23; 20:18, 19).

3. assembled together.—The classes here mentioned made up the Jewish Sanhedrin, which was the council having authority in ecclesiastical matters among the Jews. Caiaphas—The high priest was of the line of Aaron until the time of Herod, when the Roman rulers made changes that suited their desires. Caiaphas had been high priest about three years and continued eight years longer. He was a son-in-law of Annas, who had formerly been high priest and who was highly esteemed by the Jews. 4. and consulted.—The majority of the Jewish leaders were in favor of putting Christ to death, and were in a semi-official way plotting to that end. By stealth, by treachery, 5. not on the feast day.—The Passover, which would occur two days later. It was customary for the Jews to punish criminals on the public feast days, in order that the act might be witnessed by as many as possible for the effect upon the people. In this case, however, they feared to have the execution public for many of the people were friendly to Jesus. An uproar.—There would be large numbers of Jews present from all lands and among them many from Galilee who would be friends of Jesus. The Jewish leaders feared an uprising on their part in an attempt to rescue him. The plan to put him to death stealthily failed, and his crucifixion was known to the multitudes who had flocked to Jerusalem for the Passover.

12. Jesus anointed at Bethany (vs. 6-13). 6. Bethany.—On the Mount of Olives, near to Jerusalem. Simon the leper—Possibly a relative of Mary, Martha and Lazarus. It is not clear who Simon was, but it is thought that he was one who had been healed of the leprosy by our Lord. A feast was served here (John 12:2), and many came, not only to see Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead (John 12:9-11). A woman.—It was Mary, the sister of Lazarus (John 12:3). Alabaster box.—A cruse or flask made from a hard and brilliant substance which was found in Alabaster, a town in Egypt. Of very precious ointment.—It was a fragrant and costly perfume procured from

CATARRH OF THE KIDNEYS FULLY RECOVERED



Mrs. Maria Gougoll Mayer, Minn., writes the following: "I must inform you that I recovered my health after using your valuable medicine, Ferrus, for catarrh of the kidneys and bowels, but now I am much better and feel real strong."

the spikenard plant, which grows in the Himalayan district of Asia. There was a pound of it (John 12:3, valued at three hundred pence, or denarii, and, estimated at fifteen cents each, equal to forty-five dollars of our money. This represented an entire year's wages for a man. We must bear in mind that the forty-five dollars then was equal in purchasing power to six or seven times that amount now. Poured it.—It is probable that Mary broke the seal and let the liquid flow upon Jesus' head. From John 12:3 we learn that the anointed person also. From the Oriental manner of reclining upon couches at meals with the feet away from the table, it would be convenient for Mary to anoint the Saviour's feet and wipe them with her hair. Sat at meat.—Reclined at the table during the supper.

8. Had indignation.—Judas, because of his love of money and because he was the treasurer of the little company, raised objection to Mary's self-denying and loving deed; and doubtless influenced others of the disciples to share his feelings. This waste.—Their misapprehension of Mary's act was twofold: 1. They did not know that the anointing was for his burial. 2. They, and Judas particularly, could not comprehend the devotional and love that prompted the act. selfish, worldly-minded people cannot understand the reason why Christians give money for the support of the gospel at home and for missionary work in foreign lands. Thousands who are ready to criticize the acts of devotion and self-sacrifice of others, would not do the least thing for the relief of their suffering fellow men. 9. Given to the poor.—How often does charity serve as a cloak for covetousness! God is sometimes robbed of His right, under the pretense of devoting what is withheld to some charitable purpose, to which there is no intention ever to give it.—Clarke. The poor are often deprived of the benefits that should be bestowed upon them through the sordidness of those who ought to give, while on the other hand the only religion that some people have is that of good works, which finds its expression in works of charity.

10. Jesus perceiving it (R. V.).—He knew their thoughts and motives. Why trouble ye the woman.—Jesus knew of the love and devotion of Mary, and the wickedness of Judas, and at once defended her from the unjust censures of the disciples. A good work.—It was "a good work" because of its purpose and because of the person to whom it was directed. "Here was no waste at all; no waste as regards the poor, for there were abundant opportunities to help them; no waste as regards the woman, for this deed would be told as a memorial of her; no waste as regards the Lord, for he was pleased to regard it as a burial gift."

11. Poor always with you.—There will ever be opportunity for the exercise of charity toward the poor. They will form a greater or less part of the world until the end of time. Me ye have not always.—His death was but two days away and within forty-five days he was to ascend to the Father. Mary had improved her opportunity, and there was no ground for the disciples' complaint. 12. For my burial.—To prepare me for burial.—R. V. It seems probable that Mary's act, prompted by love, was an unconscious prophecy of Christ's death; yet He may have revealed to her that event was near at hand. 13. Verily.—This word is used to introduce an impressive statement. Whosoever, etc.—A declaration that the gospel is to be preached far and wide. There shall also this... be told.—This prophecy is being literally fulfilled, and the simple story of the anointing of Jesus, with the attendant circumstances, has stirred the hearts of millions to a deeper devotion to Jesus Christ and to His cause among men.—A memorial of her.—Judas had nothing but criticism for her act; Jesus had nothing but commendation and appreciation. The Master took occasion to erect a memorial to her self-denying act that shall stand while time endures.

14.—went unto the chief priests. They had been plotting to seize Christ and put Him to death, now Judas goes to them with an offer to betray His Master to them. 15. What will ye give me.—His sordid soul craves gain even at the sacrifice of faith, of honor, of the life of the Son of God. No crime was too horrible if only it would bring him gain. I will deliver Him unto you.—It was a great undertaking, and beyond the power of Judas to accomplish if Christ had not of Himself laid down His life. Thirty pieces of silver.—About fifteen dollars, the price of a slave, and one-third the value of the ointment with which Mary had anointed Jesus. 16. Sought opportunity.—The Jewish leaders desired no public demonstration, hence an opportunity was sought when Jesus might be taken in the absence of the multitudes. The narrative of the betrayal shows clearly that Judas' part was carefully planned and determinedly carried out. Questions.—What sayings are referred to in verse 1? Who were plotting against Jesus? Who was willing to betray Jesus? What bargain was made? Where

did Jesus attend a feast while in Bethany? Who were present at the supper? What act was performed by Mary? What was the value of the ointment and for what purpose was the anointing? Who disapproved of her act and for what reason? What words did Jesus speak in approval of Mary's course? Draw some contrasts between Mary and Judas.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS:

Royal work. "She hath wrought a good work upon me" (v. 10). Simon, Martha, Lazarus and Mary are symbols of different stages of Christian experience. Simon invited Jesus to his "house" (v. 6). Martha "served," Lazarus "saw," Mary "anointed" (John 12:1-3). First we receive Christ into our hearts; then we serve Him with holy fervor; then we learn to rest in His love and know that He rests in ours; then we lavish upon Him the devotion of a heart overflowing with tenderness and gratitude. Christ's commendation of Mary's devotion was, "She hath wrought a good work" (v. 10). From the story we may learn what makes any "work" for God "a good work."

1. Consecrated devotion. "There came unto him a woman" (v. 7). Mary's heart was utterly abandoned to Jesus. She seemed to despise all other things in comparison with Him. Consistent devotion. "Having an alabaster box" (v. 7). Jesus said of Mary's gift, "She hath done what she could" (Mark 14:8). Our love you will give what you have. God wants no more. Poor, black Amanda Smith gave her wash tub. A woman of wealth gave all her jewelry and diamonds. "She hath done what she could" would be written of them both. Pastor Cortland Myers tells how he saw in a narrow alley three children with dusky skin and bare feet and tattered garments. The oldest boy had a tin and empty box, some blocks and nails had constructed a movable cart. He placed lovingly the two little black relatives in the cart, and then said with delight and a touch of the other world in his voice, "I'll draw it as long as you want me; I made it for you." 3. Costly devotion. "Very precious ointment" (v. 7). Mary had that extravagant love which counts no act a sacrifice. A great writer says: "Pure, ardent love gives its best and delights in what seems to others a reckless waste of itself for the glory of God. There is a place of personal love for Jesus where the soul positively enjoys fasting in prayer and self-denial. Almost goes wild in a the very essence of its inner heart out to the Lord. It always put God first and gives Him the best." 4. Complete devotion. "And poured it on his head" (v. 7). "She hath poured ointment" (v. 12). This was a foretouch of the love of the Lord who "poured out his soul unto death" (Isa. 53:12). "A love that has no limit, no reserve; a love that chooses the choicest to lavish upon its beloved; a love that no scale can weigh and no trader buy."

A rejected work. "His disciples had indignation" (v. 8). The sign of a good work is to have Satan oppose it. To be a disciple to "indignation" at the work of God, is a special device of the arch enemy. Don't criticize. The thing you pass judgment on may be "a good work" wrought for God. A minister says: "I am always repeating to myself to cure myself, and teaching it to my classes to cure them, these words of our Lord. Judge not, that ye be not judged" (Matt. 7:1). And then this from Bengel, the acute and crisp commentator, will you learn it and practise it with me? "Judge not without knowledge, love and necessity." Burn your fault-finding pen, break your fault-finding ink bottle and get your fault-finding lips touched with a live coal from off the altar."

A rewarded work. "Jesus understood" (v. 10). Nothing is more cap-

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE POSTAGE OR EXPRESS CHARGES ON ANY ARTICLE PURCHASED FROM "RYRIES"

We prepay all delivery charges, and if you are not perfectly satisfied with your purchases, you can return them at our expense and we will cheerfully refund your money.

SEND FOR CATALOGUE "D"

A postal card will bring you our 132 page catalogue, handsomely illustrated in colors, of Diamonds, Jewelry, Silverware, China, Cut Glass, Leather and Art Goods.

RYRIE BROS. LIMITED Diamond Merchants, Jewelers and Silversmiths 134-136-138 YONGE ST. TORONTO

JAS. RYRIE, Pres. HARRY RYRIE, Sec. Treas.

RYRIES

Temporary Heat Quickly

Did you ever stop to think of the many ways in which a perfect oil heater is of value? If you want to sleep with your window open in winter, you can get sufficient heat from an oil heater while you undress at night, and then turn it off. Apply a match in the morning, when you get out of bed, and you have heat while you dress. Those who have to eat an early breakfast before the stove is radiating heat can get immediate warmth from an oil heater, and then turn it off.

The girl who practices on the piano in a cold room in the morning can have warmth from an oil heater while she plays, and then turn it off. The member of the family who has to walk the floor on a cold winter's night with a restless baby can get temporary heat with an oil heater, and then turn it off. The



PERFECTION SMOKELESS OIL HEATER Absolutely smokeless and odorless

The Queen City Oil Company, Limited

MICA AXLE GREASE

is the turning-point to economy in wear and tear of wagons. Try a box. Every dealer everywhere. The Imperial Oil Co., Ltd. Ontario Agents: The Queen City Oil Co., Ltd.

MARKET REPORTS

TORONTO MARKETS. LIVE STOCK.

Table of market reports including live stock prices, wheat prices, and other commodities. Columns include item names, prices, and market status.

THE FRUIT MARKET.

Table of fruit market prices for various items like oranges, lemons, pears, etc.

SUGAR MARKET.

St. Lawrence granulated, 56 per cwt. in barrels; No. 1 golden, 54.00 per cwt. in barrels; Beaver, 54.80 per cwt. in bags.

OTHER MARKETS

WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET. Wheat—October 99½c, December 94c, May 98½c.

BROCKVILLE CHEESE BOARD. Brockville, Ont.—At the regular weekly meeting of the Brockville Cheese Board, 2,790 boxes were registered, 1,490 colored, balance white; 775 colored sold at 11½c, and 455 white at 10½c.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS. New York—London and Liverpool cables quote American cattle steady at 13¼c to 14¼c per lb. dressed weight, refrigerator beef, 10½c to 11c per pound.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK.

Montreal—About 1,250 head of butchers' cattle, 40 milch cows and springers, 1,200 hogs were offered for sale at the east end abattoir this forenoon. Trade was fair, but the prices of cattle were lower than on Monday's market.

TREES BARREN.

Apple Crop of Nova Scotia will be Complete Failure.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 21.—The apple crop of Nova Scotia will be a worse failure than was at first anticipated, and it looks now as if these would not be available for export more than fifteen per cent of the average.

The counties of Kings, Annapolis and Hants comprise this fruit-growing region, and the possibilities of failure are general in all these districts. The export of apples to Britain last year from Nova Scotia was about 700,000 barrels. At the most, this year it will not reach 170,000 barrels.

After four years of misery Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Patience, Md.—For four years my life was a misery to me. I suffered from irregularities, terrible dragging sensations, extreme nervousness, and that all-gone feeling in my stomach. I had given up hope of ever being well when I began to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Then I felt as though new life had been given me, and I am recommending it to all my friends. Mrs. W. S. Ford, 1038 Lansdowne St., Baltimore, Md.

The most successful remedy in this country for the cure of all forms of female complaints is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It has stood the test of years and to-day is more widely and successfully used than any other female remedy. It has cured thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing-down feeling, flatulency, indigestion and nervous prostration, after all other means had failed. If you are suffering from any of these ailments, don't give up hope until you have given Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial. If you would like special advice write to Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., for it. She has guided thousands to health, free of charge.



Pimples and Blackheads

Clear the complexion of disfiguring pimples, blackheads, redness, roughness, and other unsightly conditions; keep the hands soft and white, the scalp clean, the hair live and glossy, and preserve skin health by the use of Cuticura Soap assisted when necessary by Cuticura Ointment.

Cuticura Soap and Ointment

Called the most economical treatment for itching, burning, scaly humors of infants, children and adults. A single set is often sufficient to cure the worst cases. Sold by Druggists and Chemists. Cuticura Soap and Ointment, 32-34 West Broadway, New York.

Cures Sprung Tendons, Collars and Saddle Galls. Kendall's Spavin Cure

Kendall's Spavin Cure. In a Meeting to Farmers and stockmen. In the past 40 years, Kendall's Spavin Cure has literally saved thousands of dollars for horse owners.

FREE TO YOU. The best premiums and the best values ever offered. Gold and Silver Watches, Jewels, Cameras, and many other premiums given FREE for selling our high-class Gold Embossed Picture Post Cards.

FREE TO YOU. The best premiums and the best values ever offered. Gold and Silver Watches, Jewels, Cameras, and many other premiums given FREE for selling our high-class Gold Embossed Picture Post Cards.