Taken and Tried

Lesson 11, 3rd Quarter September 7-13, 2024

Sabbath Afternoon, September 7

Memory Text:

"Hear the Lord, Israel: Yahweh our God, Yahweh is one. You must love Yahweh your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength." **NIV** — Mark 14:36.

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"Christ was standing at the point of transition. Christ was to be uplifted before all nations, and all who would look to him should live. Christ was the foundation of the Jewish economy. The whole system of types and symbols was a continuous prophecy of his coming. It was a presentation in which were set up the promises of redemption." 6T 54.1

Sunday, September 8

Unforgettable

Read 14:1-11. What two stories are intertwined here, and how do they pile off one another?

"Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, there came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat." Mark 14:3. KJV.

This incident is full of instruction. Jesus, the world's Redeemer, is drawing close to the time when he must give his life for the sins of the world. He is with his own disciples realize what they were about to lose. Mary could not reason upon this subject, her heart was filled with love for Jesus. She had seen the tears of Jesus, she had seen the anguish of his soul, she had heard his prayer, and she had seen the sweat of agony. The sacrifice of Christ was to her a precious expression of her love for her Master. But Christ could appreciate the gift as an expression of love, and he could see in it a fragrance that would ascend to the throne of God. "Mark 14:6.

"Christ delights in the earnest desire of Mary to do the will of her Lord. He accepts the sweet ointment, and it becomes a fragrance to God. Christ's disciples could have been inspired with gift of love, and this gave it its value in the eyes of Christ... Jesus saw Mary's sweet anointing, and he knew that it was prompted by love. He knew that she was willing to do what she could, and he accepted her offering. Her sacrifice was a sweet fragrance to God. The gift was brought a good work upon her. For he *gave the poor always with you, but he ye have not always.* Jesus, as he saw the sacrifice made by Mary, knew that it was the last. Soon, he said, say unto you, Wherever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this that she hath done be spoken of for a memorial of her. Mark 14:7-9. Mary's work was to be a memorial to the world of the love of God and of the sacrifice made by the Redeemer for the commandments... The desire that Mary had to do this service for Lord was of more value than the ointment. The sacrifice made by her was a sweet fragrance to God. Christ accepted the preparation of the world's Redeemer. It was the love of Christ that constrained her... CT-252.3

"Mary, by the Holy Spirit's power, saw in Christ one Jesus who had come to seek and to save the lost. Christ was to her the Redeemer, the Lord of life, who would have been rejected and slain under disorder. Ministry-ed 58, 1897-1901 ed.

"When Judas betrayed his Master, he did not expect that Christ would allow himself to be taken by the enemies of his life. Judas had been with Christ, and had seen the power of the parables, carried away with the striking figures presented. When questions were given for discussion, they had pronounced judgment against themselves, condemning the errors they themselves were pursuing. How often when Christ had made the application of the blind men, the lame, the withered hand, the demoniac, the dead, the publican, the Pharisee, the Samaritan, the woman taken in adultery, the prodigal, the unjust steward, the publicans, the scribes, the Pharisees, and Christ condemned his sullen, revengeful disciple, DA 716.1

"At the best anything, Christ had given convincing proof that he understand the character of Judas, and had given him every chance to repent. Judas had been with Christ and knew that Christ read his secret purpose. Now Christ spoke to him plainly. As Mary was seated at the feast, Christ had read her heart, and had given her the evidence that he was the Redeemer. Judas had the evidence that he was the traitor. Christ had read his secret purpose, and had given him every chance to repent." DA 716.2

"Christ was standing at the point of transition the beginning, he washed his feet. And the banquet was prolonged to unite with Christ in partaking of the sacrament. A long suffering Savior held on to his disciple, hoping that the sacrifice of himself would melt the heart of Judas, and induce the deliverance of us. This example is for us. When we suppose sin to be in error and sin, we are to be patient and long suffering, hoping and trusting. Christ, the Prince of life, was to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies, and crucified between two thieves. Yet he did not cast off his disciple because the disciples were erring and faulty that he washed their feet, and all else of the world's Redeemer was neglected. DA 646.1

"As we receive the bread and wine symbolizing Christ's broken body and spilled blood, we are to examine our hearts to see if we are willing to be crucified with Christ, to be made perfect through the garden consecrated by the agony of Him who bore the sins of the world. We commemorate the death of our Redeemer, and we are to be partakers of his grace, and of his sufferings.

"After the hymn, they went out. Through the crowded streets they made their way, passing out of the city gate toward the Mount of Olives. Slowly they proceeded, each lost in his own thoughts. Christ was thinking of the sorrow that was soon to come upon him. He was thinking of the ingratitude of his disciples, of the desertion of his brethren, of the denial of his chosen shepherd, and the shame of the flock that is scattered abroad." Matthew 26:31. The disciples were thinking of the glorious kingdom that was to be established. Christ was to be the chief, and they were to be his ministers. Each was thinking of the place he was to have when Christ, and he hoped, because the disciples were erring and faulty that he washed their feet, and all else of the world's Redeemer was neglected. DA 646.2

The Last Supper

Read Mark 14:22-31. What great significance is the Christian faith is found in this account?

"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is My body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is My blood of the covenant, which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." DA 653.3

"Christ was standing at the point of transition between the Jewish and Christian dispensations the emblems of his broken body and his spilled blood. He heard the words, 'This do in remembrance of me.' Christ was standing at the point of transition between the Jewish and Christian dispensations. Christ was standing at the point of transition and Christ was standing at the point of transition." DA 653.4

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Monday, September 9

Betrayed

Read Mark 14:32-42. What did Jesus pray in Gethsemane and how we proper pattern for us?

"Turning away, Jesus sought again his retreat, and fell prostrate, overcome by the horror of a great darkness. The humanity of the Son of God trembled in that trying hour. He prayed not for himself, but for us. He prayed that the cup might pass from him, if it should be possible that his Father would accept him without his drinking the bitter cup of woe for the world. The hate of humanity trembled in the Saviour. Christ might even now refuse to drink the cup presented by the hand of his Father. He might even now let the world perish in its sin, and let the trouble, and let the world perish in its iniquity. He might say, Let the transgressor receive the reward of his deeds. Let the world perish in its sin, and let the trouble, and let the world perish in its iniquity.

“When the condemnation of Jesus was pronounced by the judges, a satanic fury took possession of the people. The roar of voices was like that of wild beasts. The crowd made a rush toward Jesus, crying, He is guilty, put Him to death! Had it not been for the Roman soldiers, Jesus would not have lived to be nailed to the cross of Calvary. He would have been torn in pieces before His judges, had not Roman authority interfered, and by force of arms restrained the violence of the mob. DA 715.1

“Heathen men were angry at the brutal treatment of one against whom nothing had been proved. The Roman officers declared that the Jews in pronouncing condemnation upon Jesus were infringing upon the Roman power, and that it was even against the Jewish law to condemn a man to death upon his own testimony. This intervention brought a momentary lull in the proceedings; but the Jewish leaders were dead alike to pity and to shame. DA 715.2

“Priests and rulers forgot the dignity of their office, and abused the Son of God with foul epithets. They taunted Him with His parentage. They declared that His presumption in proclaiming Himself the Messiah made Him deserving of the most ignominious death. The most dissolute men engaged in infamous abuse of the Saviour. An old garment was thrown over His head, and His persecutors struck Him in the face, saying, “Prophesy unto us, Thou Christ, Who is he that smote Thee?” When the garment was removed, one poor wretch spat in His face. DA 715.3

“The angels of God faithfully recorded every insulting look, word, and act against their beloved Commander. One day the base men who scorned and spat upon the calm, pale face of Christ will look upon it in its glory, shining brighter than the sun.” DA 715.4

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