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The Sunday School Lesson

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 1949

THE MEANING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Golden Text—"This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 1 Cor. 11:24.

Lesson Text Mk 14:12-25; Exposition: 1. Preparing for the Passover, 14:12-16.

Our Lord was faithful to the Old Testament until all was fulfilled. He was in the world to observe it and to fulfil it. Thus, since His death was closely identified with the offering of the Passover lamb, special activities were carried out. The Passover pointed back to the day when God delivered Israel out of Egypt (Ex 12:1-8). It was a feast which had been kept since the time of Moses. Each year it had been observed in anticipation of another "Lamb" being slain, this time for the deliverance of sinners from their sins and from the dominance of sin and death (Heb 2:14, 15). Jesus was the "Lamb of God" (Jno 1:29).

Preparation was to be made for the last Passover ever to be offered. It took place the day before the crucifixion. It preceded the "Lord's Supper" which we now observe in remembrance of Christ. Certain mysterious events surrounded the Passover observed by Christ. Evidently it was necessary to observe secrecy lest the scheming enemies of Christ should seize Him before the feast. He sends two of His disciples. They are to be approached by a man carrying a pitcher of water. He would lead them to a house where the "goodman" of the house would take them to a furnished room, pre-

pared already for the Passover. Who this "goodman" was, or who the man with the water pitcher was we do not know. The Lord has many servants, humbly ready to do His will without any desire for prominence. We also may be unconscious of doing anything great in serving the Lord in humble and obscure ways. This lesson shows us that we can never tell but that our presumed insignificant service may have infinite value in the providence of God.

II "One of you which eateth with me shall betray me." 17:25.

A fact of which Jesus had been aware for a long time that one of His own chosen twelve was to betray Him (Jno 6:70-71) came before Him suddenly at this time in the feast and filled His soul with anguish (Jno 13:21). Judas' perfidy was one of the bitterest parts in the cup that Jesus drank (1's 41:9, 55:12-14). Jesus loved Judas. He gave him opportunity after opportunity for repentance. He only let him go when He must, and then it was with a great heartache. Judas, married to his worldly ambitions, disappointed in the carnal hopes that had first drawn him to Jesus, faith and selfish loyalty turned into greed and hate. Conscience stifled, spurned the love that sought to save him and the apostle became a thief and murderer, and so may we if we love the Lord rather than Christ (Jas 4:4). Many a man whom the Lord Jesus has called and who has responded to call for a while and been used in Christ's service has become a betrayer of his Lord through love or greed, or through worldly ambition, or through wounded pride. Each one of the apostles got a glimpse of the evil possibility of his own heart and asked, "Is it I?" A Judas is hidden in each of us, but the Grace of God is sufficient to deliver us and keep us true to the Lord. Though the gross perfidy of Judas was predicted long before Judas was born, that in no wise lessened his guilt or punishment. There was no constraint of the will that chooses to let Satan in rather than let Jesus in.

It is better never to have lived than to have lived basely. 214.

These terrific words illustrate how baseless are the hopes some entertain of a universal restoration and salvation. They prove conclusively that there is endless perdition for at least one person, Judas; otherwise it would not be better for him that he had never been born. Judas had the effort to ask the same question as the rest (Matt 26:25), but uttered the word "Lord" and said "Habbu" instead (Matt 26:25, R. V. of 1 Cor 12:3). He never called Jesus "Lord".

Do the words, "This is my body" mean that as Jesus blessed the bread, it became the actual physical body of Christ, or do they mean this bread represents my body, and just as you eat this bread and it becomes a part of you, so you are to eat Me and I will become a part of you? One can find the answer to this question by noting the force of "is" in Ezek 5:4, 5, 1 Cor 10:4, 16, 11:25, Ezek 37:11, Matt 13:20, Luke 12:1, Jno 10:7, Rev 1:20, Gal 4:25. But after all has been said, there is a real presence of Christ in the elements, and when we do partake of them "discerning the Lord's Body" there is a real feeding upon Christ so that just as the bread we eat becomes a part of us (Jno 6:50, 51, 53-55). It is by faith alone that we feed upon Him (Jno 6:54, 57), but that faith is true faith that actually feeds upon Christ and appropriates to itself the life and strength there is in Him. There can be no covenant between a Holy God and a sinful man except on the ground of shed blood (Heb 9:18, 23). The Blood is the life and the life must be poured out wherever there is sin if there is to be forgiveness (Lev 17:11). The Blood of Christ is shed into remission of sins (Matt 26:28).

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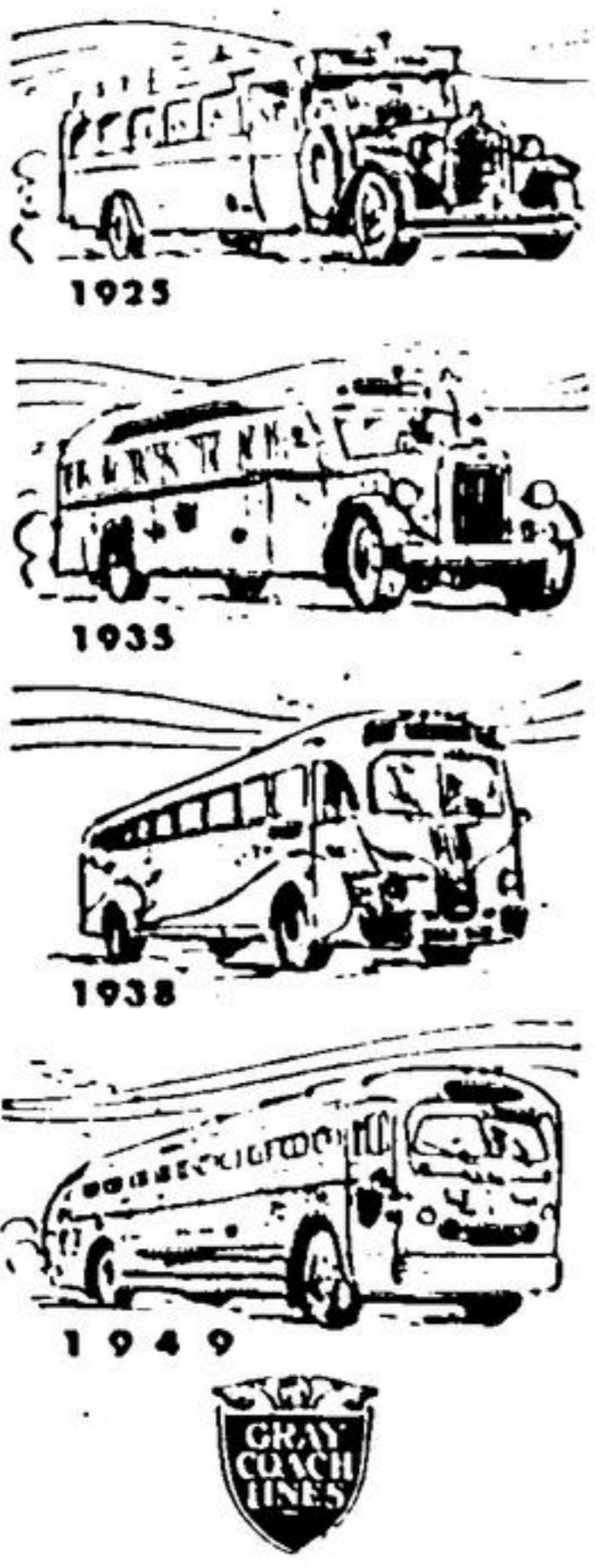
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