

was crucified, God had made the whole land as dark as night, to show how angry He was with the people who had killed His Son. And the earth shook, and the beautiful curtain hanging in the inner door of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom. And after Jesus had suffered three hours longer, He cried out, "Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit"; and His spirit went up to God in heaven, although His body still hung upon the cross.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Whither did the soldiers take Jesus to be crucified? 2. What other persons did they take along with Him? 3. What prayer did Jesus make as they nailed Him to the cross? 4. How did the people mock Jesus? 5. What did the soldiers say? 6. What had Pilate written over the cross? 7. What did the soldiers offer Jesus to drink? 8. What did one of the robbers do? 9. What did the other say to him? 10. What did the robber who was sorry ask of Jesus? 11. What did Jesus promise? 12. What strange things happened at Jesus' death? 13. What did Jesus say as He died? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A gentleman traveling in Norway was surprised to see, near the top of a certain church tower, the carved figure of a lamb. He asked why it was set in that strange place, and was told that when the church was being built, a workman fell from the high scaffold. His companions saw him fall and rushed down, expecting to find that he had been dashed to pieces, but to their joy he was almost unhurt. A flock of sheep happened to be passing by and he fell among them, right on top of a lamb. The lamb was crushed to death, but the man was saved, and so they carved the lamb on the tower at the exact height from which the man fell, that people should always be reminded of his wonderful escape. Jesus was like a lamb crushed to death, so that His people might be saved.

Lesson Hymn

Which of all our friends, to save us,
Could or would have shed their blood?
But our Jesus died to have us

Reconciled in Him to God:
This was boundless love indeed;
Jesus is a Friend in need. Amen.

—Hymn 79, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—127. What will become of the good at the Judgment Day? Jesus will take the good to be with Himself forever.

SHORTER CATECHISM—37. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death? A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

The Question on Missions

46. What are the encouragements? Under Japanese rule there is better government, more religious liberty, and public primary schools. All classes are accessible, and there is less of extreme poverty than in many parts of China. The native church is developing a self-supporting and missionary spirit.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Can we ever love Jesus enough or do enough for Him? Just think of all He has done for us! He was willing even to die on



the cruel cross to save us. We have only to remember this, and surely we shall be ready to do anything He asks us to do.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS LOVES HIS ENEMIES