

Lesson XI.

CHRIST CRUCIFIED

June 12, 1904

Mark 15: 22-39. Commit to memory vs. 25-27. Compare Matt. 27: 32-61.
Read Luke 23: 26-49; John 19: 18-42.

GOLDEN TEXT—Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures.—1 Cor. 15: 3.

22 And they bring him unto the place Gol'gotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull.

23 And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh; but he received it not.

24 And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.

25 And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

26 And the superscription of his accusation was written over, **THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

27 And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.

28 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.

29 And they that passed by rallied on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days.

30 Save thyself, and come down from the cross.

31 Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save.

Revised Version—¹ offered him wine; ² they crucify him, and part his garments among them; ³ each should take; ⁴ robbers: one on his right hand, and one on his left. ⁵ Omit v. 28; ⁶ In like manner; ⁷ mocking him among themselves with the scribes said: ⁸ the; ⁹ now come down; ¹⁰ reproached; ¹¹ Omit saying; ¹² Elijah; ¹³ be; ¹⁴ uttered a loud voice; ¹⁵ by; ¹⁶ Omit cried out, and.

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

Time and Place—Friday, April 7, 30 A.D., from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m.; Calvary, just outside the walls of Jerusalem.

Connection—After the scourging and mock worship by the soldiers (Matt. 27: 31; v. 20; John 19: 1-3), Jesus was led away to be crucified.

I. THE THREE CROSSES.—22-24. They bring him; "bearing His cross," John 19: 17. So weak is He, through the terrible sufferings He has undergone, that Simon of Cyrene is compelled by the on-lookers to help Him carry it, Luke 23: 26. The place Golgotha; a Hebrew word meaning "skull," from the shape of the place, especially as seen in the afternoon from Olivet. (See illustration.) "Calvary" is the Latin word, the meaning being the same. Wine mingled with myrrh; intended to make it easier to bear the pain. He received it not. Jesus would not shrink from any of the pain of the cross. Crucified him; nailing His hands and feet to the cross, which was then raised and settled into its place in the ground. "It was the most cruel and shameful of all punishments," said the Roman Cicero. Parted his garments, casting lots. There were four soldiers, with a centurion.

25-28. The third hour; 9 a.m. The superscription of his accusation; the writing, giving the name and crime of the person crucified, on a white tablet hung round the neck of the criminal, and then fastened to the cross. **THE KING OF THE JEWS.** It was for claiming this position that Jesus was condemned. With him... two thieves; robbers, men who plundered by violence. The scripture was fulfilled; Isa. 53: 12.

II. THE MOCKING MULTITUDE.—29-32. They... rallied on him. The mockery of our Lord came from four classes: (1) the passers-by from the city; (2) the chief priests; (3) the soldiers (Luke 23:

32 Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him.

33 And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

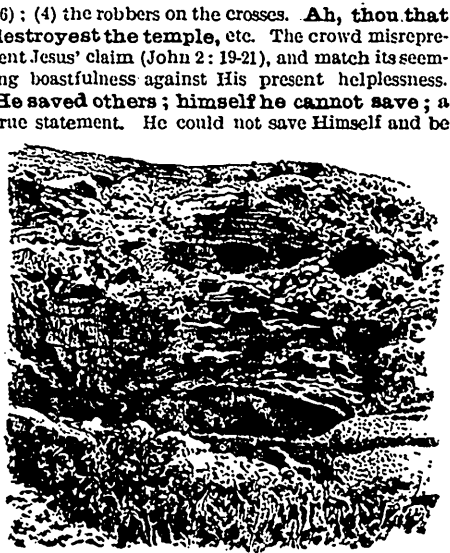
35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold he calleth Eli'as.

36 And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Eli'as will come to take him down.

37 And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

38 And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

39 And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.



"The Place of a Skull"

the Saviour of others, and so He sacrificed Himself. Christ the King of Israel; the two titles which Jesus had claimed, Matt. 26: 63, 64; ch. 2: 2. To the enemies of Jesus these claims now seemed ridiculous. They that were crucified with him reviled him. Luke tells the story of the two thieves in full: read it, Luke 23: 39-43.

III. THE NOONDAY DARKNESS.—33-36. The sixth hour; 12, noon. Over all the land; not an eclipse, since it was full moon, but a miraculous hiding of the sun's light. The ninth hour; 3 p.m.