

CHRIST CRUCIFIED

Lesson X.

John 19 : 17-30—Memory Verses 28-30

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17. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the *place* of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Gol'gotha.

18. Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Je'sus in the midst.

19. And Pi'late wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

20. This title then read many of the Jews : for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city : and it was written in He'brew, and Greek, and Latin.

21. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pi'late, Write not, The King of the Jews : but that he said, I am King of the Jews.

22. Pi'late answered, What I have written I have written.

23. Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Je'sus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part : and also *his* coat : now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.

24. They said therefore among themselves,

Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be : that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

25. Now there stood by the cross of Je'sus his mother, and his mother's sister, Ma'ry, the *wife* of Cle'ophas, and Ma'ry Mag'dale'ne.

26. When Je'sus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son !

27. Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother ! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own *home*.

28. After this, Je'sus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

29. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar : and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put *it* upon hyssop, and put *it* to his mouth.

30. When Je'sus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished : and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

THE LESSON RETOLD

It was on Friday that Pilate gave the Jews leave to put Jesus to death.

Jerusalem was full of Passover visitors and



cruel men made Jesus carry His cross through the crowded streets filled with shouting, angry people.

When they got to a hill outside the city called Calvary, they nailed Him to the cross.

There were two others crucified at the same time. They were thieves.

Jesus' cross was put in the middle as if He had been the most wicked of them all.

Pilate wrote some words on Jesus' cross to show what He had done. The words were:

JESUS OF NAZARETH
THE KING OF THE JEWS

The chief priest asked Pilate to write, "He said He was the King of the Jews," but Pilate would not change it. Pilate had written the truth though he did not mean to.

After the soldiers had done their cruel work they took the clothes that Jesus had worn and divided them into four parts. Then each man took one part for his own.

There was a beautiful coat without any seam that some kind friend had made for Jesus, but they did not tear that, but cast lots for it.

Hundreds of people passed the cross that day. Some felt sorry for Jesus, but others made fun of Him, saying, "Come down from the cross."

Of course Jesus could have come down, but He chose to stay there and take the punishment for everybody in the world.