

New Canadian Hymnal, No. 188.

Am I a soldier of the cross,
A follower of the Lamb.

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Must Jesus bear the cross alone,
And all the world go free?

Questions for Senior Scholars.

What watchword created the riot? Why did the mob drag Paul out of the temple? What was the significance of closing the gates? Describe the castle of Antonia. How was the information of the riot probably carried to the captain? By what means could the soldiers get access to the temple? What effect had their approach upon the mob?

Questions for Intermediate Scholars.

1. *An Attack by the Mob* (v. 30, 31).—Where was the attack made? What did they think Paul had been doing? (v. 29.) Who seized Paul first? (v. 27.) What did they purpose to do with him? Why did they not kill him at once? How were they treating him?

2. *Rescued by the Soldiers* (v. 32-36).—Who heard of the riot? What did he do? What effect did the soldiers have upon the people? What was done to Paul? What did the captain try to find out? How was Paul protected?

3. *A Brace Request Granted* (v. 37-39).—What request did Paul make? Who did the captain think Paul was? What description of himself did Paul give? What answer was given to his request?

THE LESSON OUTLINE.

Satan's Warfare against Christianity.

- I. HE SEEKS TO CONFUSE MEN'S THINKING.
All Jerusalem was in an uproar. v. 31.
The assembly was confused; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together. Acts 19, 32.
Satan, which deceiveth the whole world. Rev. 12, 9.
- II. HE SEEKS TO DESTROY CHRISTIAN LEADERS.
They went about to kill him. v. 31.
The time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. John 16, 2.
The earth was filled with violence. Gen. 6, 11.
- III. HE SEEKS TO ARRAY LAW AND ORDER IN ANTAGONISM TO TRUE RELIGION.
The chief captain commanded him to be bound with two chains. v. 33.

Questions for Younger Scholars.

Why did Paul go into the temple at Jerusalem? *To help some men to make an offering.* What was done to him there? Who did it? Who came together? Was his life in danger? Who took him from the people? How were the words of Agabus fulfilled? Where did the captain and his band take Paul? *To the Tower of Antonia.* Where was it? How was it connected with the temple? What did the soldiers have to do? What did Paul say to the captain? Who did the captain believe him to be? What permission did he give him? Where did Paul stand?

The Lesson Catechism.

(For the entire school.)

1. What did the Jews which were in Asia do when they saw Paul in the temple at Jerusalem? *They laid hands on him.*
2. What did the people intend to do with Paul when they drew him out of the temple? *"They went about to kill him."*
3. Who rescued Paul from the people? *The chief captain.*
4. What did Paul ask of the chief captain? *"Suffer me to speak unto the people."*
5. What is our GOLDEN TEXT? *"If any man," etc.*

The Church Catechism.

23. Who is Jesus Christ? Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, the Second Person in the glorious Trinity, who for us and for our sins became man, and so was, and continueth to be, truly God and perfect man, in two distinct natures and one person for ever.

I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus; many of the saints did I shut up in prison. Acts 26, 9, 10.

IV. HE SEEKS TO AROUSE PREJUDICE AGAINST THE CHRISTIAN.

The multitude of the people followed after, crying, Away with him. v. 36.

Away with such a fellow from the earth; for it is not fit that he should live. Acts 22, 22.

Their word will eat as doth a canker. 2 Tim. 2, 17.

V. HE IS THWARTED BY THE SIMPLE TRUTH.

I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto the people. v. 39.

My tongue shall speak of thy word. 1st Sa. 119, 172.

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