

But the world's witness still fails to agree. Notice the calmness of Jesus where only his teachings are misrepresented. Calumny and lies moved him not at all. See how fearlessly he witnessed for the truth when that was called in question. "What do these say?" No answer. "Art thou the Christ?" "I am." Learn from this scene to hate meanness, and lying, and malice; and to love patience, and fearfulness, and truth. And when truth depends on your word for vindication speak it for your Master.

Hints for Home Study.

1. Study the reasons why they did not stone Jesus to death, but did stone Stephen.
2. How many years before was this sentence, "destroy this temple," spoken, and under what circumstances? John 2, 19.
3. Find all that you can about Annas and Caiaphas; their previous and subsequent history.
4. Nicodemus belonged to the Sanhedrin. What can you say of him?
5. Write out your opinion why they found no witnesses to agree.
6. Write out your opinion upon this trial.

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

1. **The False Witness, vs. 55-59.**
What search did the council make, and with what success?
What kind of witness was offered?
What defect was there in the testimony?
What did some testify they had heard him say?
How many were there of these witnesses? Matt. 26, 60.
What is said of their testimony?
2. **The True Witness, vs. 60-62.**
What question did the high-priest ask Jesus?
What answer did Jesus make?
What did the high-priest then ask?
What was Jesus's reply?
3. **The Cruel Sentence, vs. 63-65.**
How did the high-priest show his displeasure?
What did he ask?
Of what crime did he think Jesus was guilty?
What was the verdict of the council?
What says the Golden Text about the justice of this sentence?
Of what rudeness were the rulers guilty?
What did the servants do?

Teachings of the Lesson.

What lesson can we learn from—

1. The false witness about Jesus?
2. The true witness of Jesus?
3. The cruel sentence against Jesus?

Home Work for Young Bereans.

Find an account of a disciple of Jesus who was condemned to death on the testimony of false witnesses. Learn the name of the high-priest who presided in this Jewish council.

Learn what was the penalty for blasphemy under the Jewish law.

Find in the Old Testament a prophecy of the silence of Jesus before his enemies.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

To whom was Jesus taken by the soldiers? To the high-priest, Caiaphas.

Who were gathered at his palace? The members of the Jewish council.

What did they try to find? Some charge against Jesus.

Why could nothing be found against him? Because he was without sin.

Who were found at last to testify against Jesus? False witnesses.

What did they tell? Things that were not true.

Why did not their witness condemn him? No two were agreed.

What did the Jewish law require? That two witnesses should agree.

What charge was finally made by two men? That Jesus said he could build a temple in three days.

What did the high-priest ask Jesus to do? To answer this charge.

What did Jesus do? He answered nothing.

What did the high-priest then ask him? "Art thou the Christ?"

What did Jesus reply? "I am."

What did the high-priest call this? Blasphemy.

What did the council declare? That Jesus was guilty of death.

How did the people treat him? Shamefully and cruelly.

Words for Little People.

Answer to yourself—
Do you ever think or say things about Jesus that are not true?

Do you join with those who are not his friends, even by being found among them?

Do you make him suffer by your unkind, or careless, or scornful words about him or his truth?

REMEMBER: "He that is not for me is against me."

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. What body of men tried Jesus? The chief priests, elders, and scribes.

2. Who presided at the trial? The high-priest, Caiaphas.

3. On what charge was he tried? The charge of blasphemy.

4. On whom did they rely to prove him guilty? On false witnesses.

5. What was the final means of his conviction? His own declaration, "I am the Christ."

6. What prophecy was fulfilled in the riotous scene that followed? "They hated me without a cause."

CATECHISM QUESTION.

25. If after prayerful and patient study and inquiry we still find difficulties in the Bible, how must we deal with them?

We cannot expect to know all things while we live in this world, nor fully to understand all that has been made known. 1 Corinthians xiii. 10.

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LESSON X. JESUS BEFORE PILATE.

[June 9.]

Authorized Version.

Mark 15. 1-20.



[Commit to memory verses 14, 15.]

1 And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate.

2 And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering said unto him, Thou sayest it.

3 And the chief priests accused him of many things; but he answered nothing.

4 And Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witness against thee.

5 But Jesus yet answered nothing; so that Pilate marvelled.

6 Now at that feast he released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired.

7 And there was one named Barabbas, which lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection.

Revised Version.

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2 And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering saith unto him, Thou sayest.

3 And the chief priests accused him of many things. And Pilate again asked him, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they accuse thee of.

5 But Jesus no more answered any thing; insomuch that Pilate marvelled.

6 Now at the feast he used to release unto them one prisoner, whom they asked of him. And there was one called Barabbas, lying bound with them that had made insurrection, men who in the insurrection had

8 And the king of the Jews.

9 But Pilate received him not.

10 For he found him to be a king.

11 But Pilate should not have known that.

12 And Pilate would not call the King of the Jews.

14 Then hath he done nothing.

17 And Pilate would not crown him with the crown of thorns.

18 And Pilate would not release him.

19 And Pilate did spit upon him.

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