

No. 43, Dominion Hymnal.

Forever here my rest shall be,
Close to thy bleeding side;
This all my hope, and all my plea,
For me the Saviour died.

No. 26, Dominion Hymnal.

Jesus keep me near the Cross,

TIME.—Early in the morning of Friday, the day of the crucifixion.

PLACE.—The Roman *pretorium*, called judgment-hall, was probably Pilate's residence when in Jerusalem, and was also probably in the castle of Antonia.

RULERS.—Same as before.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The truth.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. The Accusers, v. 23-32.

Where was the first inquiry into the life of Jesus made?

What did they attempt to establish in this investigation? See Mark 14.

What accusation did they make of Jesus to Pilate? Luke 23. 2.

What sentence did they say they desired?

How did Herod attempt to avoid deciding this case on its merits? Luke 23. 6, 7.

What did Pilate say as to the weight of the accusation? Luke 23. 14.

2. The King, v. 33-37.

What caused Pilate to ask the question in ver. 33?

How did Jesus assert that he was a king?

What was his kingdom if "not of this world?"

Give some illustrations from the Saviour's teachings of what this kingdom is like?

Who are to be the subjects of this kingdom?

3. The Robber, v. 38-40.

Who was the robber who figured in this scene? Luke 23. 19.

How came this man to be mentioned at all?

Who established the custom to which allusion is made? Matt. 27. 15.

Why did Pilate give the alternative he did?

What was his deliberate judgment concerning Jesus? ver. 38.

Practical Teachings.

Outside the hall of judgment, that they might not be ceremonially defiled, crying for the blood of their innocent victim. Murder within, religious devotion without. Are there not many of us sometimes in the same danger? Poor weak Pilate! How he seemed to want to do right! Are we ever so? The cries of the mob swayed him from the right. Many a one since has been kept from siding with Christ by the voices around him. Have I? Have you?

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

1. The Accusers, v. 23-32.

To what place was Jesus taken?

In whose palace was this? Matt. 27. 2, 37.

Why did his accusers remain outside?

What question did Pilate ask?

What was their reply?

What did Pilate bid them do?

What objection did they make?

What manner of death had Jesus foretold for himself? Matt. 20. 19.

2. The King, v. 33-37.

What question did Pilate ask Jesus?

What did Jesus ask in reply?

Who had made the accusation?

What did Jesus say of his kingdom?

What did Pilate again ask?

What declaration did Jesus make?

What was his mission in the world?

Who belonged to his kingdom?

3. The Robber, v. 38-40.

What was Pilate's last question?

What was his verdict?

What proposition did he make?

Whom did the Jews choose for release?

What was his character?

Teachings of the Lesson.

Where in this lesson are we shown—

1. The cruel hatred of wicked men?

2. The indifference of worldly men?

3. The Divine witness for the truth?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

Where did the Jews take Jesus? To the palace of Pontius Pilate.

What was Pilate? Governor of Judea.

What had he power to do? To put Jesus to death.

What did the Jews want him to do? Condemn him to die.

What question did Pilate ask Jesus? "Art thou the King of the Jews?"

What did Jesus answer? "My kingdom is not of this world."

What would have taken place if it had been? His followers would have fought the Jews, and kept them from making him prisoner.

What did Jesus declare unto Pilate? I am a king.

Of what was Jesus king? King of truth.

Who hear his voice and own him King? Those who have the truth in their hearts.

What did Pilate tell the Jews? (Repeat the Golden Text.)

What did Pilate offer to do? To let Jesus go.

What did the Jews cry out? "Not this man, but Barabbas."

Who was Barabbas? A robber.

Words with Little People.

When Jesus stood before Pilate he knew the day was coming when not only Pilate, but all those cruel, wicked Jews, would stand before him. Then he would be their Judge. Do you think in that great day Jesus will say of them what Pilate said of Jesus in the Golden Text? "No fault in Jesus at all," dear little people!

DON'T FORGET.

"Jesus was rejected and despised that I might stand, Accepted and forgiven at his right hand."

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For the entire school.]

1. Before whom did the Jewish rulers bring Jesus? Before Pilate, the Roman governor.

2. What did Pilate ask Jesus? "Art thou the King of the Jews?"

3. What did Jesus tell Pilate about his kingdom? "My kingdom is not of this world."

4. For what purpose did Jesus say that he had come? To bear witness of the truth.

5. What was Pilate's testimony concerning Jesus, as given in the Golden Text? "I find," etc.

TEXTS AT CHURCH.

Morning Text.....

Evening Text.....

ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.

"The King of the Jews."

I. AN ACCUSED KING.

1. Then led they Jesus, v. 28.

"Brought as a lamb." Isa. 53. 7.

2. What accusation bring ye? v. 29.

"Despised and rejected of men." Isa. 53. 3.

3. If he were not a malefactor, v. 30.

"False witnesses are risen up." Psa. 27. 12.

II. AN UNWORLDLY KING.

1. My kingdom is not of this world, v. 36.

"The Kingdom of his dear Son." Col. 1. 13.

2. Then would my servants fight, v. 36.

"Weapons of our warfare....not carnal." 2 Cor.

10. 4.

3. Now is my kingdom not from hence, v. 36.

"Born again....see the kingdom." John 3. 3.

III. A BIRTHRIGHT KING.

1. Thou sayest that I am a king, v. 37.

"God of heaven set up a kingdom." Dan. 2. 44.

2. To this end was I born, v. 37.

"The government....upon his shoulder." Isa. 9. 7.