

to the city: just outside the Northern limit. In Hebrew and Greek and Latin; the three great languages of the time. It was an unintentional tribute to the world-wide kingship of Jesus.

**21, 22. Write not, etc.** They feel the sting of Pilate's insult, and wish him to change the writing. **What I have written.** An absolute refusal. Pilate could be steadfast enough when there was no self-interest at stake.

**23-24. Look the garments:** the loose outer garment that was fastened with a girdle. **Also his coat:** the tunic, or undergarment.

**That the Scriptures:** See psalm 22:18. **27. The disciple, etc.:** John. **Woman:** A respectful term: almost equal our "Lady." **Behold thy mother;** What thoughtfulness for others even in His agony.

**28-30. After this knowing, etc.,** that His work was finished. **The scripture:** Ps. 69:21. **Thirst** was the most cruel torture of crucifixion.

**Vinegar:** sour wine: the common drink of the soldiers. **Upon Hyssop:** at the end of a branch of hyssop. **It is finished;** Redemption was complete. **Gave up the ghost.** Voluntarily He gave himself a ransom for men's sins.

#### ASK YOURSELF

Why did Pilate finally deliver Jesus to be crucified? Where did the crucifixion take place? At what hour? In the presence of whom?

#### Juniors

**17, 18.** Why did Christ bear His own cross? Who assisted Him? (Luke 23: 26.) What kind of a death was crucifixion? Who crucified with Jesus? Why was He placed in the midst?

**19-22.** What was the inscription over the cross of Christ? In what languages was it written? What did the chief priests ask Pilate to do? Why did he refuse?

**23, 24.** What was done with the outer garments of Jesus? With His coat or tunic? What scripture was thus fulfilled? (Ps. 22: 18.)

**25.** Who stood by the cross? Who continued to wait near the cross? (Matt. 27: 39-44; Mark 15: 29-32.)

**26, 27.** What did Jesus say to John? What did He say to His mother?

**28-30.** What cry did Jesus then utter? Why? What did He then say? Why all this intense suffering? Which of us has gained the good of it? Have I?

#### Seniors

**17-18.** Where was Christ crucified? What were the Hebrew and Latin names of the place respectively? The meaning? At what hour did the crucifixion occur? What ceremony would then be in progress in the temple?

**19-22.** What was written on the cross?

**23, 24.** What were the soldiers unconsciously doing in the parting of the garments? What scripture was fulfilled? Relate the story of the penitent thief. (Luke 23: 39-43.)

**25-27.** What was Jesus' last earthly concern? What lesson should we learn from it? What was the closest tie between Christ and His mother? (Matt. 12: 46-50.)

**28-30.** In which one of Christ's sayings on the cross is there a promise? (Luke 23: 43.) A charge? (John 19: 27.) A question? (Matt. 27: 46.) A want? (John 19: 28.) A cry? (John 19: 30.) A prayer? (Luke 23: 34.) A word of trust? (Luke 23: 46.)

#### PRACTICAL

1. What Pilate did in jest we are bound to try to do in earnest; that is, to put the name of the Lord Jesus into all languages.

2. We need never be ashamed of being tender to those we love. Behold Jesus and His mother and John.

3. Christ dies after all as a conqueror:

'Tis finished—the Messiah dies  
For sins, but not His own;  
The great redemption is complete,  
And Satan's power o'erthrown.

#### FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Where was Jesus crucified? How many were crucified with Him? Who were the others? and how did each of them act?

2. Tell in a few words how Jesus provided for His mother on the cross.

3. What does our Lord mean by the cry, "It is finished!" as He dies?