

Lesson IX.

CHRIST CRUCIFIED

November 29, 1914

Mark 15 : 22-37. Study Mark 15 : 21-41 ; Luke 23 : 39-43. Read Matthew 27 : 27-61—Commit to memory vs. 25-27.

GOLDEN TEXT—Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows : yet we did esteem him stricken smitten of God, and afflicted.—Isaiah 53 : 4.

22 And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull.

23 And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh : but he received it not.

24 And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.

25 And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

26 And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

27 And with him they crucify two thieves ; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.

28 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.

29 And they that passed by rallied on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days,

30 Save thyself, and come down from the cross.

31 Likewise also the chief priests mocking said

Revised Version—¹ offered him wine ; ² they crucify him, and part his garments among them ; ³ each man ; ⁴ robbers ; one ; ⁵ one ; ⁶ *Omit whole verse* ; ⁷ Ha ; ⁸ In like manner also ; ⁹ him among themselves ; ¹⁰ said ; ¹¹ the Christ ; ¹² now come down ; ¹³ reproached ; ¹⁴ *Omit saying* ; ¹⁵ Elijah ; ¹⁶ filling a sponge ; ¹⁷ *Omit and* ; ¹⁸ be ; ¹⁹ Elijah cometh ; ²⁰ uttered a loud voice.

LESSON PLAN

I. Crucified, 22-28.

II. Mocked, 29-32.

III. Dying, 33-37.

DAILY READINGS

(By courtesy of I. B. R. Association, Mr. S. C. Bailey, Hon. Secretary, 56 Old Bailey, London, England.)

M.—Christ crucified, Mark 15 : 21-32. T.—Christ crucified, Mark 15 : 33-41. W.—Christ crucified, Luke 23 : 39-43. Th.—The Psalm of the cross, Ps. 22 : 1-8. F.—The prayer of the forsaken, Ps. 69 : 13-21. S.—Our reconciliation, Eph. 2 : 13-22. S.—The pierced side, John 19 : 25-37.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 101-107.

The Question on Missions—9. What does the church do for them afterward ? The English-speaking

among themselves with the scribes ¹⁰, He saved others ; himself he cannot save.

32 Let ¹¹ Christ the King of Israel ¹² descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him ¹³ reviled him.

33 And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, ¹⁴ saying, E'loi, E'loi, la'ma sabach'thani ? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me ?

35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth ¹⁵ Eli'as.

36 And one ran and ¹⁶ filled a sponge full of vinegar, ¹⁷ and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let ¹⁸ alone ; let us see whether ¹⁹ Eli'as will come to take him down.

37 And Jesus ²⁰ cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

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Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise : 116 (Supplemental Lesson), 49, 52, 38 (Ps. Sel.), 46 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 50.

Special Scripture Reading—Isa., ch. 53. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 789, Christ Crucified. For Question on Missions, H. M. 1146, Ruthenian Presbyterian Congregation at Komarno. (Slides are obtained from the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, 96 Queen St. East, Toronto, at \$2.00 a dozen.)

Stereograph—For Lesson, The "New" Calvary Outside the Damascus Gate, Seen from the Northern Wall (Order from Underwood & Underwood, 62 Adelaide St. East, Toronto ; further particulars, page 517).

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

Time and Place—Friday, April 7, A.D. 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Calvary, outside the north wall of Jerusalem.

Connecting Links—When Pilate had delivered Jesus to be crucified and caused Him to be scourged, the soldiers took Him away to their own quarters, and there, having stripped Him of His own garments, robed Him in scarlet, put a crown of thorns on His head and a reed in His hand for a sceptre, and offered Him mock homage as the king of the Jews. Then they spat upon Him, and beat His head with the reeds. Afterwards they led Him away to be crucified. As they were going to the place of crucifixion, they met one Simon of Cyrene whom they compelled to

bear the cross of Jesus. (See Matt. 27 : 27-32 and v. 21.)

I. Crucified, 22-28.

V. 22. *They bring him ;* that is, the Roman soldiers, under the command of a centurion. The procession passed through the streets of Jerusalem, Jesus wearing the crown of thorns (vs. 17-20) and carrying, according to the usual custom, the two pieces of wood out of which His cross was to be made (John 19 : 17), until He was relieved, as described in v. 21, of the load under which He may have fallen in the weakness resulting from the strain of the agony in Gethsemane, the trials before the Jewish and Roman authorities, and the cruel scourging. *Golgotha* (Calvary) ; mean-