

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures."—1 Cor. 15: 3.

LESSON PLAN.

1. The Hardened Soldiers.
2. The Mocking Jews.
3. The Sympathizing Friends.
4. The Crucified Christ.

DAILY READINGS.

M. Golgotha, Matt. 27: 27-34,
T. Jesus crucified, Matt. 27: 35-50,
W. "This was the Son of God,"
Matt. 27: 51-60.
T. "It is finished," John 19: 25-37.
F. Wonderful love, Rom. 5: 1-8.
S. The great gift, Rom. 8: 31-39.
S. The spotless offering, Heb. 9: 6-14.

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CATECHISM.

Q. 25. How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?
A. Christ executeth the office of a priest in His once offering up of Himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.

LESSON HYMNS.

Nos. 49, 50, 57, 54.

HELPS TO KEEP THE LESSON.

What was last lesson about? How long between it and the event of this lesson? Tell about the way they went to the place where he was put to death. Who went with Jesus to the place of a skull? What load had Christ to carry? Who helped him to carry it? Why? What was done to ease the pain of his death.

Verse 35.—How was he crucified? What was done with his clothes? What prophecy was fulfilled by the soldiers? Ps. 22: 18.

36.—Why did they watch him?

37.—What did they nail to the cross over his head?

38.—Who were put to death at the same time? Why were they put to death along with Jesus?

39, 40.—What was said to him? What did he mean by raising up the temple in three days? Matt. 26: 61.

41-43.—Who joined in the mocking? What did they say? Would they have believed if he had come down from the cross? Did they believe when he rose from the dead?

44. Thieves also.—Why did the thieves mock him? Did both of them continue to do so? What did one of them pray? Did Jesus answer his prayer?

45.—When was the sixth hour? What then took place? How long did the darkness last?

46, 47.—What took place at three o'clock? How was the cry of Jesus misunderstood?

48.—What other cry of want did Jesus utter at that time? What was given him?

49.—What did others say?

50.—What was the last cry of Jesus on the cross? John 19: 30. What then took place?

HELPS TO LIVE THE LESSON.

How faithful and true to his work was Jesus. How great his love for men. He would not turn aside from saving men even though it cost him his life.

Jesus knew that it was a very sad thing to live and die in sin, or he would not have done so much to save men from such a doom.

How hard and cruel the priests who could mock the dying Christ, but are we any better if we slight his calls now and his suffering for us.

If he died and suffered so much to save us

from the doom of sin, and put it before all else, even his life, how careful we should be to put eternal life before all else.

How patient and forgiving he was; when he was dying for sin, sinners were mocking him, and he prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

How precious the soul must be in his sight, when he would suffer so much to save it. Is it precious to me?

How willing God is to forgive sin when he gave so much that he might be able to forgive it. Am I willing to be forgiven?

ANSWER IN WRITING.

1. How was Jesus crucified?
2. Why was He crucified?
3. What miracles took place at his crucifixion?
4. What good has the crucifixion brought to the world?
5. What is needed on our part to share in this good?