

answered that He was indeed a King, but that His kingdom was not of this world, else His servants would fight for Him. Jesus meant that He was King of men's hearts, and did not wish to become an earthly ruler. "I am come into the world," said Jesus, "to bear witness to the truth. Everyone that is of the truth heareth My voice."

Though Pilate did not understand the meaning of Jesus' words, he could not find any reason why He should be punished, and returning to the people, he said, "I find in Him no fault at all." Pilate knew that Jesus should be set free, but was afraid of displeasing the people.

As it was the custom to set a prisoner free every year in honor of the Passover, Pilate, remembering that there was then in prison a murderer called Barabbas, now offered to give the Jews their choice. Should he release unto them Jesus or this murderer? Pilate hoped they would choose Jesus, but they did not: they chose Barabbas, and Jesus was led away to be crucified.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where was Jesus arrested? 2. Why could not the Jews put Him to death? 3. Where was Jesus taken after His trial before the high priest? 4. Who was Pilate? 5. What did he ask the people? 6. How did they answer? 7. What did Pilate ask Jesus? 8. What did Jesus tell him? 9. Why did Pilate not set Jesus free? 10. What offer did he make the Jews? 11. Whom did they choose instead of Jesus? 12. Golden Text?

Lesson Story

One day, as an old organist sat playing in a cathedral, a man touched him on the shoulder, saying, "Won't you let me try?"

As the church became filled with the most wonderful music, it slowly dawned upon the organist that his visitor was no other than Mendelssohn, one of the greatest musicians then alive. "My master!" he exclaimed, with shame, "to think that I nearly prevented you from playing on my organ!"

So, through ignorance and sin, the Jews prevented Jesus from bringing them marvellous blessings. We must keep our ears open to His voice, lest we, too, turn away the heavenly Master from our hearts.

Lesson Hymn

Stand up! stand up for Jesus!
Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss;
From victory unto victory
His army He shall lead,
Till every foe is vanquished
And Christ is Lord indeed. Amen.
—Hymn 256, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—28. What change took place in Adam and Eve when they disobeyed God? They were no longer good and happy, and they were afraid of God.
29. What name is given in the Bible to Adam's disobedience? It is called sin.

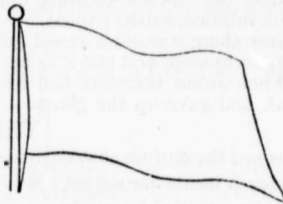
SHORTER CATECHISM—79. Which is the tenth commandment? A. The tenth commandment is, Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbour's.

The Question on Missions

20. What share have the students of our Colleges in this great work? Very many of our students labor as home missionaries during the summer vacation; and in each of our five theological Colleges there is a Students' Missionary Society, supporting missionaries chiefly in the newer and harder home fields.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

When an army wishes to make peace, men are sent to the enemies carrying a white flag.



Now, Jesus wants the whole world to be at peace with God, and every man to be at peace with every other person.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT I SHOULD STAND UP FOR JESUS