

LESSON X.

CHRIST CRUCIFIED

June 4, 1890

John 19: 17-30. Commit to memory vs. 28-30. Compare Matt. 27: 27-54; Mark 15: 16-39. Luke 23: 33-47.

17. And he (1) bearing his cross went forth into a place called the *place of a skull*, which is called in the Hebrew *Golgotha*.

18. Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

19. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, **JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

20. This title (2) then read many of the Jews: for the (3) place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, (4) and Greek, and Latin.

21. (5) Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, the King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews.

22. Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

23. (6) Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his (7) coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top through-out.

24. They said therefore (8) among themselves, Let

us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and (9) for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

25. Now there (10) stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of (11) Cleophas and Mary Magdalene.

26. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman behold thy son!

27. Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour (12) that disciple took her unto his own home.

28. After this, Jesus knowing that all things (13) were now accomplished, that the scripture might be (14) fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

29. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: (15) and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.

30. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up (16) the ghost.

Revised Version.—(1) He went out bearing his cross for himself; (2) Therefore; (3) *Margin*, Or, For the place of the city where Jesus was crucified was nigh at hand; (4) *And* in Latin and in Greek; (5) Therefore; (6) The soldiers therefore; (7) *Margin*, Or time; (8) One to another; (9) Upon; (10) But there were standing; (11) Cleopas; (12) The; (13) Are now finished; (14) Accomplished; (15) So they put a sponge full of the vinegar upon hyssop, and brought it to his mouth; (16) His spirit.

GOLDEN TEXT

"The Son of God who loved me, and gave Himself for me."—Gal. 2: 20.

DAILY READINGS

M.—John 19: 17-30. Christ Crucified.

T.—Luke 23: 32-38. Despised and rejected.

W.—Luke 23: 39-49. The penitent thief.

Th.—John 19: 31-42. The burial.

F.—Isa. 63. For us.

S.—Rom. 5: 1-11. Dying for sinners.

■.—Rev. 5: 6-14. Worthy the Lamb.

LESSON PLAN

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I. The Crucifixion, 17-18.

Between two thieves.

II. The Inscription, 19-22

In three languages.

III. The parting of His garments, 23-24.

Among the soldiers who crucified Him.

IV. The Care of His Mother, 25-27.

Entrusted to the disciple whom He loved.

V. The End, 28-30.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 76 (Ps.) 64, 46, 145, 161.

TIME

The same day, 9-3 o'clock

PLACE

Calvary; (Hebrew) Golgotha.

CATECHISM

Q. 82. *What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment?*

A. The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are, God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, and his blessing the Sabbath-day.

CONNECTION

Pilate finally yields to the clamor of the Jews, who, by urging that Jesus was a political enemy of Caesar, and that to set Him at liberty will be to lose ground with the emperor (Luke 19: 1-15).

EXPLANATION

17-18. Bearing his cross. The condemned person usually carried his cross to the place of execution. But Jesus, perhaps weak from scourging, was assisted (Luke 23:26). **Went forth:** out of the city (Heb. 13:12). **The place of a skull:** perhaps so-called from its shape. *Golgotha* means a skull. The Latin is *calvary*, whence the word Cal-

vary. **Where they crucified him:** A most painful and shameful death. **Two others:** They were more than thieves (Matt. 27:38). They were bandits,—robbers, men of violence.

19-20. Wrote a title: Stating the reason of His execution. **THE KING OF THE JEWS:** an intended insult to the Jews. **Nigh**