

LESSON X.—June 5th, 1898.

JESUS CONDEMNED. Matt. 27 : II-26.

Read Matt. 27 : 1-34 ; John 18 : 28-40. Commit vs. 21-24.

11 Now Jesus stood before the governor : and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews ? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.

12 And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

13 Then saith Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee ?

14 And he gave him no answer, not even to one word : insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.

15 Now at the feast the governor was wont to release unto the multitude one prisoner, whom they would.

16 And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.

17 When therefore they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you ? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ ?

18 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him up.

19 And while he was sitting on the judgment-seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that righteous man : for I have suffered many

things this day in a dream because of him.

20 Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

21 But the governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you ? And they said, Barabbas.

22 Pilate saith unto them, What then shall I do unto Jesus which is called Christ ? They all say, Let him be crucified.

23 And he said, Why, what evil hath he done ? But they cried out exceedingly, saying, Let him be crucified.

24 So when Pilate saw that he prevailed nothing, but rather that a tumult was arising, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this righteous man : see ye to it.

25 And all the people answered and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

26 Then released he unto them Barabbas ; but Jesus he scourged and delivered to be crucified.

GOLDEN TEXT : " Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." 1 Tim. I : 15.



OUR HYMN THIS WEEK.

OH what, if we are Christ's,
Is earthly shame or loss ?
Bright shall the crown of glory be,
When we have borne the cross.

OUR VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Acts 15 : 11.
TUESDAY—Acts 16 : 31.
WEDNESDAY—Rom. 5 : 10.
THURSDAY—John 3 : 16.
FRIDAY—I John 1 : 7.
SATURDAY—I John 5 : 13.
SUNDAY—I Tim. I : 15.