

some further questions, Pilate said to the priests: "I find nothing wrong with this man. He had better be set free." But they would not listen to him.

Then said Pilate: "I will send Him to King Herod. He will say what shall be done with Him." But Herod only made sport of Jesus and sent Him back to Pilate, who said: "I find no fault with Him whatever. I will have Him beaten and let Him go." "He must not go," shouted the Jews louder than ever, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

Then Pilate thought of a plan for getting Jesus off and for putting the Jews in good humor. He said: "You know that every year at Feast-time I allow one prisoner to go free. This year there is a very bad fellow in gaol called Barabbas. Now, which will you have, Barabbas or Jesus?" Pilate supposed they would choose Jesus, for Barabbas was a murderer. But they all shouted at once: "Give us Barabbas."

Pilate then for the third time asked: "What has Jesus done?" But they shouted louder: "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

When Pilate saw that the place was in an uproar, he stood up and called for Barabbas to be brought, and said: "I will do as you say. You may punish Jesus as you wish." And they led Him away to be killed.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did the Jews take Jesus from the High Priest's house? 2. What time of day was it? 3. Who followed Him? 4. What was the name of the judge? 5. What did he at first tell the Jews to do with Jesus? 6. Why did they want Pilate to punish Him? 7. What kind of a man was Pilate? 8. What question did he ask Jesus? 9. Did Pilate think Jesus was a bad man? 10. Why then did he have anything to do with punishing Him? 11. To whom did he send Him to be further tried? 12. Did Herod find any fault with Jesus? 13. How many times did Pilate try to set Jesus free? 14. How did the Jews answer? 15. What did Pilate at last offer? 16. Whom did they choose? 17. Who was Barabbas? 18. To what did Pilate at last consent? 19. What is the Golden Text of this lesson?

No Other Name

There was no other good enough,
To pay the price of sin;

He only could unlock the gate
Of Heaven, and let us in.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Jesus is a perfect man



Primary Catechism—19. Who takes care of the world? God watches over all His works, and provides for the wants of every living thing.

Shorter Catechism—67. Which is the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment is, Thou shalt not kill.

68. What is required in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment requireth all lawful endeavours to preserve our own life, and the life of others,

Lesson Hymn

Thy foes might hate, despise, revile,
Thy friends unfaithful prove;
Unwearied in forgiveness still,
Thy heart could only love.

O give us hearts to love like Thee,
Like Thee, O Lord, to grieve
Far more for others' sins, than all
The wrongs that we receive.

Amen.

—Hymn 42, Book of Praise