

He was numbered with the transgressors: Isaiah 53: 12; Luke 22: 37.

Seven times the lips of the Crucified One open:

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."—Luke 23: 34.

"To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise."—Luke 23: 43.

"Woman, behold thy son."—John 19: 26.

"Behold thy mother."—John 19: 27.

"I thirst."—John 19: 28.

"Eloi, eloi," etc.—Mark xv. 34.

"It is finished."—John 19: 30.

And "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit."—Luke 23: 46.

Then, the veil of the Temple was rent in twain from top to bottom; the earth did quake; the rocks were rent; the graves were opened; the saints who slept arose, and went into the holy city.

The Sacrifice is now complete. The Victim dies on the altar of the world's redemption.

Christ sought to save others, rather than Himself.

He died for our sins, even the sins of the whole world.

He therefore has a claim on us, through His atoning death.

He died that we might live.

The Cross of Christ has wonderful power. It soothes, comforts, and gives peace. Is the only hope of sinful, dying men. Typified by the bleeding Lamb; the brazen serpent; the scape-goat; and the city of refuge.

He died the Just for the unjust, to bring us to God. 1 Peter 3: 18; Romans 5: 8.

"O Thou eternal Victim, slain  
A sacrifice for guilty men;  
By the eternal Spirit made  
An offering, in the sinner's stead;  
An everlasting Priest art Thou,  
And plead'st Thy death for sinners now."

(46.) AFTER CHRIST'S DEATH: Mark 15: 38-47. (See Matt. 27: 54-66; Luke 23: 47-56.)

So soon as Jesus expired, His power on the Cross is made manifest; by the veil of the Temple being rent, and by the other manifestations as recorded. When the veil was rent, the eyes of ordinary worshippers could for the first time look beyond the Altar to the Holy of Holies—the very presence-chamber of God—where formerly only the High Priest could enter, and he but one day in the year. Henceforth, access to God through the death of Christ was free for all!—a new and living way being opened through the flesh of our Lord. See Hebrews 10: 19, 20, 21.

The centurion and others (Matt. 27, 54), when they heard the cry and saw the sights

and signs, confessed their belief that truly this man was the Son of God.

To the honor of the women, their devotion, courage and attachment were most eminently displayed. No unkind word is recorded as having been spoken to Christ by a woman. She was last at the Cross and first at the grave! Four Marys are mentioned. The Virgin, Mary Salome her sister, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the sister of Lazarus.

The conduct of Joseph of Arimathea was highly creditable, and did him honor. He was a secret disciple of Jesus, and one of the counsel who did not consent to His death; lived in Jerusalem, being wealthy and influential. He boldly begged the body of Christ from Pilate, who, having been certified that He was dead, commanded it to be delivered to him. Then Joseph and Nicodemus (see John 19: 39) anointed the body, wrapped it in clean linen, and laid it in a new tomb that Joseph had hewn out in the rock. (Isaiah 53: 9.)

Had our Lord been buried with the two thieves, His resurrection would not have been so clearly evidenced.

And the women who sat over against the sepulchre saw where He was laid. Their love for Him lingered to the end.

But on the third day He rose again! Luke 9: 22.

"Worthy is He that once was slain—  
The Prince of Peace that groan'd and died;  
Worthy to rise, and live, and reign,  
At His Almighty Father's side"

## BIBLICAL QUESTIONS.

FOR SABBATH SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES.

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1. Who was Isaac's wife?
2. Who was Joseph's mother?
3. Where was Ahab killed?
4. Who was David's great-grandmother?
5. What Teetotallers are honored in the Bible?
6. By what was Elijah fed at Cherith?
7. Who was saved from the fall of Jericho?
8. What should we do in the days of our youth?
9. Who came to hearken when Peter was knocking at Mary's door?
10. What city was built of bricks made by Hebrews in Egypt?
11. What baptism did John Baptist preach?
12. What titles of CHRIST begin with R?

ANSWERS FOR MARCH.

- 1, Pharaoh; 2, Passover; 3, Praying in secret; 4, Praise; 5, Pharisee and Persecutor; 6, Pontius Pilate; 7, Peter; 8, Paul; 9, Phoebe; 10, Philippi; 11, Patmos; 12, Prophet and Priest.