

that one thief repented at the last, lest any should despair, and that one did not, lest any should presume to put off the day of repentance.

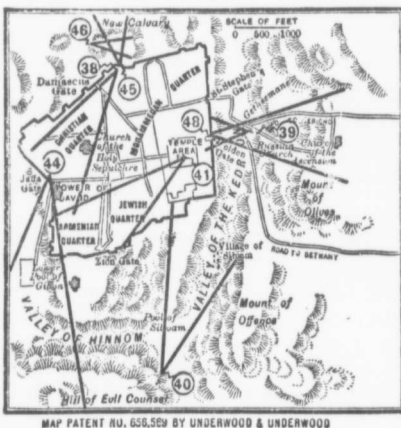
2. *Jesus Reviled*, vs. 29-32. Surely men with any true feelings of humanity would have kept silent at the sight of Jesus on the cross. Instead of that, what did some of them do? Who joined with the crowd in reviling Jesus? (V. 31.) What were the words which were used? The point of them all was that Jesus, who had claimed such power, seemed altogether powerless now.

Remind the scholars of how true it was that He couldn't save Himself, that is, if He was going to be true to His mission, and save the world through His death.

3. *The Death of Jesus*, vs. 33-37. What strange thing happened in nature during the crucifixion? What strange cry went up from Jesus? Here is a mystery, hard to understand. But part of the price which Jesus paid for our redemption was the feeling that He was forsaken even of God. Luke 23 : 46 shows that His faith in the Father triumphed. Emphasize the thought that He died for us.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON

Helena, the mother of the first Christian emperor, is said to have had a vision which revealed to her the place where the cross stood and where our Lord was buried. Then a church was built over the supposedly sacred ground. The present Church of the Holy Sepulchre occupies its site. But modern scholars think the true Calvary is a hill farther north. Consult our map on this page, and you will find a V whose point rests on the city's north wall, its arms reaching northward, over a hill entirely outside the city limits. We will take our position on a roof close to the city



wall and look over the space included between the arms of that V. We look across sloping ground to where a low, rocky hill rises quite abruptly. Its sides are ragged cliffs pierced by several caves. The top of the hill is used for a Mohammedan cemetery. There is much reason for believing that this hill, with caverns in its sides suggestive of the eye-sockets in a skull, may be the

real Golgotha though the site has not been certainly identified (Matt. 27 : 33).

Use a stereograph entitled, The "New" Calvary Outside the Damascus Gate, Seen from the Northern Wall.

ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under various headings.

Lesson Points

Jesus refused to forego any part of the suffering of the cross. v. 23.

It is a terrible thing to see men indifferent to what the Saviour does for them. v. 24.

Jesus was a king,—thorns for His crown, a cross for His throne. v. 26.

Even in the hour of death Jesus was ready to be the friend of sinners. v. 27.

"Who, when He was reviled, reviled not

again ; when He suffered, threatened not." v. 29.

It was because Jesus desired to save others that He refused to save Himself. v. 31.

"Every random word then spoken now shines on Him like a star." v. 31.

There are aspects of the death of Jesus which are beyond our comprehension. v. 34.

Christ died for us : He asks us to live for Him. v. 37.

Something to Look Up

1. Find the seven sayings of Jesus on the cross.