

International S. S. Lesson.

(Adapted from the Westminster Ques. Book.)

JESUS BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST.

12 May.

Les. Mark 14: 53-64. Gol. Text, Isaiah 53: 3. Mem. vs. 60-62. Catechism Q. 20.

Read the story by the other evangelists, Matt. 26: 57-60; Luke 22: 54, 55; John 18: 19-24; and the lesson help in the *Presbyterian Record*.

QUESTIONS.

Between the Lessons.—By whom was Jesus arrested? To whom was he first taken? Where was he then sent? Who was Annas? Caiaphas? What is the title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Recite the Memory verses. The Catechism.

I. *The Failure of the Witnesses.* vs. 53-59.—Who were assembled to try Jesus? What did the Council seek to do? With what result? What testimony was finally given? In what respect was it false? What is said of the testimony of these witnesses? What is required in the ninth commandment? What forbidden?

II. *The Questions of the High Priest.* vs. 60, 61.—What did the high priest ask Jesus? Why was Jesus silent? What did the high priest then ask him? In what form is this question given in Matt. 26: 63?

III. *The Answer of Jesus.* vs. 62-64.—When thus put on oath, what was Jesus' answer? What did the high priest then do? Why did he rend his clothes? What did he say? What is blasphemy? How did the Jewish law punish blasphemy? What did the high priest say to the council? What was their decision?

LIFE TEACHINGS.

1. Christ's enemies are always seeking evidence against him, but never agree in their charges.

2. Christ's enemies are always ready to pervert and misinterpret his word.

3. Christ's enemies shall yet see him as the King in power and glory.

4. We should be patient even though we suffer innocently.

5. Silence is sometimes the best answer to slander and reproach.

JESUS BEFORE PILATE

19 May.

Les. Mark 15: 1-15 Gol. Text, Mark 15: 5. Mem. vs. 14: 15. Catechism Q. 21.

Read the story in the other Gospels, Matt. 27: 1-30; Luke 23: 1-25; John 18: 28-40; 19: 1-16.

QUESTIONS.

Between the Lessons.—By whom was Jesus tried and condemned? What immediately followed their decision? Mark 14: 65-72. What is the title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Recite the Memory verses. The Catechism.

I. *Silent before the Governor.* vs. 1-5.—When did the council meet again? What did they do? Why did they deliver Jesus to Pilate? Of what did they accuse him? What did Pilate ask Jesus? What do we learn about this in the parallel passages? How doth Christ execute the office of a king? What accusations did the priests bring against Jesus? Why was he silent?

II. *Rejected by the People.* vs. 6-11.—What was the governor's custom at the feast? How did Pilate try to take advantage of this? Whom did the people choose? Who persuaded them to do this? Why did Pilate want to release Jesus? Matt. 27: 19.

III. *Sentenced to be Crucified.* vs. 12-15.—What did Pilate then ask the people? What did they reply? What did Pilate then say? For what did the people clamor? What was Pilate's decision? To whom was Jesus delivered? What did the priests and Pilate blindly fulfil? John 3: 14, 15. Acts 2: 23.

LIFE TEACHINGS.

1. Jesus is King—he reigns by truth and love over the heart and life of his people.

2. To us the choice is offered—he world or the Saviour.

3. God overrules the wickedness of man.

4. Our rejection of Christ will make us sharers in the guilt of the Jews and will bring upon us severe punishment.

5. What will you do with Jesus? Will you reject him, or receive him as your King and Saviour?

JESUS ON THE CROSS

26 May.

Les. Mark 15: 22-37. Gol. Text, Rom. 5: 8. Mem. vs. 25-27. Catechism Q. 22.

Read the story in the following parallel passages, Matt. 27: 31-66; Luke 23: 26-56; John 19: 16-12.

QUESTIONS.

Between the Lessons.—Of what was Jesus accused before Pilate? On what charge had the council condemned him? What did Pilate find on examination? What did he propose to do? What did the people demand? What did Pilate finally do? What is the title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Recite the Memory verses. The Catechism.

I. *Nailed on the Cross.* vs. 22-26.—Where was Jesus taken? By what name is the place