

## LESSON X.—June 5th, 1898.

### JESUS CONDEMNED. Matt. 27: 11-26.

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: inasmuch 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.

"Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners."—1 Tim. 1-15.

#### LESSON PLAN.

1. The hatred of the Jews.
2. The Weakness of Pilate.
3. The Condemnation of Christ.

#### DAILY READINGS.

M. Smitten and afflicted, Matt. 26: 57-68.

T. Jesus condemned, Matt. 27:

1-14.

W. Jesus condemned, Matt. 27:

15-26.

F. Herod's mocking, Luke 23: 1-12.

T. Condemned, though faultless, Luke 23: 13-26.

S. "Behold the man," John 19:

1-7.

S. "Behold your King," John 19:

8-16.

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#### CATECHISM.

Q. 24. How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A. Christ executeth the office of a prophet in revealing to us, by His Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

#### LESSON HYMNS.

Nos. 53, 47, 171, 155.

Events moved rapidly after the close of our last lesson, and they were big with influence on the destinies of our race.

When they left the Upper Room, Jesus and his disciples went into the garden of Gethsemane. Taking Peter, James, and John apart from the others, Jesus entered into a season of deep spiritual agony, which reminds us of the unutterable forsakenness of the cross.

Almost immediately after, Judas appeared, and betrayed his Master into the hands of the soldiers and temple-officials who accompanied him. (Matt. 26: 47-50, John 18: 2-12. These dragged Christ before Annas, and subsequently before the Sanhedrim.

Here no evidence could be found against him, and even the false witnesses whom they suborned, could not agree in their misrepresentations of his sayings. But when, in response to the high priest's challenge, he declared himself to be the Son of God, they all pronounced him guilty of death.

It was during this trial that Peter denied his Lord. He followed John into the court of the

high priest, and was identified by the maids who kept the door. When they pointed him out, he disowned all knowledge of Christ, and when, notwithstanding this, all the bystanders taxed him with being of the Nazarene's followers, the habit of his former life came back, and with fearful oaths and curses, he declared that he knew him not.

At that moment Christ turned and looked upon Peter, and Peter remembered that he had been forewarned of this, and went out and wept bitterly in the depths of genuine repentance.

A little later Judas repented, but it was with the repentance of the world which worketh death. When he saw that Christ was indeed condemned, he was overwhelmed with remorse. He returned the thirty pieces of silver for which he had betrayed Christ, and, in the bitterness of his soul, he resolved on suicide. The details of his death are unspeakably horrible, and only a few have come down to us.

There is no evidence for the view that he