

# The Sunday School Lesson

Lesson XII. March 26.  
**JESUS ON THE CROSS**  
 Lesson—Matt. 27: 32-50.

Golden Text.—"God commended his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, he died for us." (Rom. 5: 18).

Historical Setting  
 Time.—Friday, Apr. 7, A. D. 30.  
 Place.—Golgotha, outside, Jerusalem.

### The Lesson Text.

32 And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; him they compelled to go with them, that he might bear his cross.

33 And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, The place of a skull.

34 They gave him wine to drink mingled with gall; and when he had tasted it, he would not drink.

35 And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments among them, casting lots;

36 and they sat and watched him there.

37 And they set up over his head his accusation written, This is Jesus the King of the Jews.

38 Then were there crucified with him two robbers, one on the right and one on the left.

39—And they that passed by rallied on him, wagging their heads.

40 and saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself; if thou art the Son of God, come down from the cross.

41 In like manner also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said,

42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. He is the King of Israel; let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe in him.

43 He trusted on God; let him deliver him now, if he desireth him; for he said, I am the Son of God.

44 And the robbers also that were crucified with him cast upon him the same reproach.

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

47 And some of them that stood there, when they heard it, said, This man calleth Elijah.

48 And straightway one of them ran and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

49 And the rest said, Let be; let us see whether Elijah cometh to save him.

50 And Jesus cried again with a loud voice, and yielded up his spirit.

### Comments

Verse 33. After the supper in the upper room came the agony in Gethsemane, the betrayal, the arrest, appearance before the Sanhedrin, death of Judas and trial before Pilate and Herod. Golgotha had never been exactly located.

Verse 34. The purpose of the strong wine and myrror was to deaden pain. Jesus refused it. He chose to bear His suffering without human aid.

Verse 35. Crucifixion was an unspeakably awful death, and was abhorred by the Jews. It was the guard, three soldiers and a centurion that cast lots for His garments. Gambling for Jesus' apparel lends a last touch of disgrace to the outrageous conduct of His persecutors.

Verse 36. Imagine the different feelings in the hearts of the motley group.

Verse 37. John says Pilate wrote this superscription. The cause for crucifixion was unusually written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek.

Verse 38. It seems that Jesus was crucified first. He took Barabbas' place.

Verse 39, 40. His accusers falsely interpreted Jesus' words as a threat against the temple (Mark 14: 58; John 2: 19).

Verse 41, 42. The dignified chief priest descended to the passions of a mob.

Verse 43. This testimony is from an unfriendly source, but shows that

Jesus positively claimed to be the Son of God.

Verses 44, 45. Nothing but a miracle explains this darkness from noon until three o'clock. There was no eclipse.

Verse 46. No human mind can fathom the word "forsaken" here.

Verses 47-50. In their guilt the people acted foolishly. Note that no one of the Evangelists says Jesus died. "He yielded up his spirit." He voluntarily gave up His life.

### Illustrated Truth.

There is always a way of getting out of facing duty, but there is no way of getting out of it and keeping faith (v. 42).

Illustration.—"Too bad about Burns," one man said to another. "Just when he was beginning to make a name in politics he had to give it up and go home and take on his father's business. They tell me the whole concern is loaded down with debts." "The business was left in a dreadful state," his companion replied, "but Burns didn't leave to take it on." "Then, why didn't he stay where he was and save himself that trouble?" "Why? Because he wanted to save the business for the sake of his mother and the younger children. He thought more of them than he did of his own comfort."

### Topics for Research and Discussion

- The Crucifixion (vs. 32-38). I. Name the events in order, as they quickly followed the supper in the upper room. 2. Where is Golgotha? 3. Why did Jesus refuse the drink offered Him on the cross? 4. Why did Jesus' Jewish persecutors clamor for His crucifixion instead of some other form of death? 5. How did two robbers happen to be crucified with Him?
- The Mockery (vs. 39-43). 6. What is the meaning of verse 40? 7. Would they have believed on Him if He had come down from the cross?
- The End (vs. 44-50). 8. How do you explain the darkness here mentioned? 9. Does any one of the Evangelists say that Jesus died? 10. What is the significance of the expressed, "He yielded up his spirit"?

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One thing is certain as springtime approaches: as the farmers of the nation put their hands and hearts into the labors before them, so will Agriculture travel into seasons of prosperity.

Fertile and fallow fields will soon emerge smiling from the grip of winter, asking to be made fruitful. That will be the critical annual moment. Sowing time will determine what crops shall grow and what average he harvested when ripeness fills kernel and grain.

For yourself, be the true Canadian optimist. Defend your faith in the success of the year and in the future of Canada—and help your fields to yield to the limit of their powers. From that foundation, only, can Agriculture and Industry be brought to that peak of health which kindles good fortune in town and country alike.

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