

"Here is the man whom you cured of lameness yesterday! Now, anybody can see that you are nothing but ignorant fishermen, so you must explain to us how such as you can do a miracle like this!"

Then Peter, full of the Holy Spirit, began to answer saying, "I will tell you who has given us this power. It is Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you so cruelly murdered, but whom God has raised from the dead. It is through Him alone that this man has been cured. For there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

When the judges heard the bold words of Peter and John and saw that they were not in the least afraid, they were greatly taken aback and said to themselves, "These are brave men. Their conduct reminds us a good deal of Jesus Himself."

When they had sent the apostles out of the room, the rulers said to one another, "We cannot punish these men, because it would displease the people; but we can forbid them to teach any longer in the name of Jesus. So Peter and John were called in and were told they must never again be found preaching in the name of Jesus."

But the apostles answered, "You may

settle for yourselves whether it be right to listen to you or to obey God; as for us we cannot help speaking of what we have seen and heard."

When they saw that it was no further use to threaten and warn the disciples, the rulers at last quietly allowed them to go, without further punishment, for all the people were praising and glorifying God for the wonder done to the lame man.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What were Peter and John doing in the Temple that displeased the Jewish teachers?
2. Who listened gladly to the apostles?
3. How was their preaching stopped?
4. How long were Peter and John in prison?
5. What was done with them in the morning?
6. What did the judges ask them?
7. How did Peter and John explain their power to work miracles?
8. Why were the apostles not afraid of their judges?
9. What did these men think about their behaviour?
10. Why were they afraid to punish them?
11. How many people had been taught to believe in Jesus?
12. What did the Jews at last forbid Peter and John to do?
13. How did they answer?
14. What is the Golden Text of this lesson?



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

We must be saved by Christ



Primary Catechism—70. Which is the Third Commandment? The Third Commandment is, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain."

Shorter Catechism—6. How many persons are there in the Godhead?

A. There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Lesson Hymn

Though our hearts are depraved,
Though with sin we are burdened,
Our souls may be saved,
And our sins may be pardoned;
And Jesus, our Saviour,
Hath promised to bless us,
And free us for ever
From those that oppress us.—Amen.
—Hymn 546, Book of Praise.