

## BIBLE HISTORY.

## CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS CHRIST.

When the Saviour had grown up to manhood, he began to do a great deal of good in the world. He healed the sick, the lame, and the blind, and raised the dead to life — He also told the Jews of all their wickedness; and for this reason they hated him and resolved to kill him.

CHRIST had twelve disciples, and one of them, named Judas, was hired by the Jews to betray him.



When JESUS sat down to eat the Feast of the Passover with his disciples, he told them that one of their number would betray him. This, said he, is the last supper that we shall eat together. He then went out to the Mount of Olives, to pray. While he was there, some armed men came to take him. Then Judas went up and kissed him. This was the sign by which he was to let them know which was JESUS.

The soldiers then seized JESUS and took him before Pontius Pilate,



then governor of Judea. But Pilate could find no wrong in him. However, the Jews insisted that he should be put to death; and they mocked and scoffed him, and spit upon him.

Finally, Pilate yielded to their wishes, and the Saviour was led out to be crucified. When nailed upon the cross, he prayed for all his enemies, and then died. Two thieves were also crucified with him; one on his right hand, the other on his left.



Thus died our divine Saviour. He died to save us from punishment for our sins, and to secure our eternal happiness. Thanks be to thee, gracious Redeemer, forever and ever!