

Lesson XI.

CHRIST CRUCIFIED

June 12, 1904

Mark 15: 22-39. Commit to memory vs. 25-27. Compare Matt. 27: 32-61.
Read Luke 23: 26-49; John 19: 18-42.

GOLDEN TEXT—Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures.—1 Cor. 15: 3.

22 And they bring him unto the place Jolgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull.

23 And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not.

24 And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.

25 And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

26 And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

27 And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.

28 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.

29 And they that passed by raised on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days.

30 Save thyself, and come down from the cross.

31 Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save.

Revised Version—offered him wine; they crucify him, and part his garments among them; each should take; robbers; one on his right hand, and one on his left; Omit v. 28; 4 In like manner; 7 mocking; 11 Elijah; 13 be; 14 uttered a loud voice; 15 by; Omit cried out, and.

DAILY READINGS

M.—Christ crucified, Mark 15: 22-39. T.—“Father, forgive!” Luke 23: 32-38. W.—“To-day in paradise,” Luke 23: 39-49. Th.—“It is finished!” John 19: 23-30. F.—Lifted up, John 3: 9-17. S.—Peace by the cross, Col. 1: 12-22. S.—The new song, Rev. 5: 1-10.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 28. How doth Christ execute the office of a king? A. Christ executeth the

32 Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him.

33 And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold he calleth Eli! as.

36 And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down.

37 And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

38 And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

39 And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

LESSON PLAN

- I. The Three Crosses, 22-28.
 - II. The Mocking Multitude, 29-32.
 - III. The Nocturnal Darkness, 33-36.
 - IV. The Dying Saviour, 37-39.
- Lesson Hymns**—Book of Praise, 54: 148; 13 (Ps. Sel.); 161; 46 (from Primary Quarterly); 50.

EXPOSITION

Time and Place—Friday, April 7 A.D., from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m.; Calvary, just outside the walls of Jerusalem.

Connecting Links—After the scourging and mock homage of the soldiers (Matt. 27: 27-31; John 19: 1-3), Jesus is compelled to carry His cross out to the place of the crucifixion; but on the way, weakened by His awful experience, He breaks down, and Simon is pressed into service, and carries the cross after Him, Luke 23: 26.

I. The Three Crosses, 22-28.

Vs. 22, 23. *They bring him*; probably “lead,” not “carry,” as some suppose, though His exhaustion was extreme. *Golgotha*. This Hebrew word means “a skull;” the Latin equivalent gives rise to “Calvary.” See Luke 23: 33; John 19: 17. In color and shape the place resembles a skull, and in the afternoon from Olivet, the two eyeless sockets, the overhanging forehead, the line of the nose, the mouth and the chin

can be plainly seen. (See Illustration in HOME STUDY QUARTERLY.) *Offered him wine mingled with myrrh* (Rev. Ver.). See Light from the East. *He received it not*. Jesus refused, because He wished to drink the cup that His Father gave Him. He is going to His death on behalf of others, with His spiritual and mental powers fully awake.

Vs. 24-28. *Crucified him*. He was laid upon the cross while it was on the ground, and His hands and feet nailed to it. Then the cross was raised with the sufferer on it and dropped with a sudden wrench into its place in the ground. It was the most shameful and cruel of all punishments. *Parted his garments*. See Light from the East. There were four soldiers with a centurion, for each sufferer. *The third hour; 9 a.m. Superscription of His accusation*; “the notice in writing of the charge against Him.” (New Testament in Modern Speech.) Usually the board on which the charge was written was hung round the neck of the criminal and then