## CHRIST'S TRIAL BEFORE PILATE

Mark 15: 1-15. Commit vs. 12-14. Compare Luke 23: 1-25; Matt. 27: 11-30; John 18: 28 to 19:16. Read John chs. 14 to 17; Matt. 26:36-75. GOLDEN TEXT—Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.—Luke 23: 4.

1 And straightway in the morning the chief priests I and straightway in the morning the chief pressor held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Je'sus, and carried him away, and delivered him 2 to Pl'late.

2 And Pi'late asked him, Art thou the King of the ews? And he answering said unto him, Thou say-Jews? est 4 it.

3 And the chief priests accused him of many things:

a And the enter priests accused him of many sinings, but he answered nothing.

4 And Pi'late asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they swit-

5 But Je'sus 7 yet answered nothing; so that Pi'late marvelled.

6 Now at sthat feast he preleased unto them one prisoner; 10 whomsoever they desired.

7 And there was one 11 named Barab bas bound with them that had made insurrection 12 with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection.

8 And the multitude 13 crying aloud began to desire him to do as he 14 had ever done unto them

9 But Pi'late answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews?
10 For he 15 knew that 16 the chief priests had de-

livered him for envy 11 But the chief priests 17 moved the people, that he should rather release Barab'bas unto them.

12 And Pi'late 18 answered and said again unto

them, What 19 will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews? whom ye can the King of the Jews? 13 And they cried out again, Crueify him. 14 39 Then Pi'late said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? 11 And they cried out ≥2 the more ex-ceedingly, Crueify him.

15 And so Pi'late, <sup>23</sup> willing to content the <sup>24</sup> people, released Barab'bas unto them, and delivered Je'sus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

Revised Version—1 with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, held a consultation; <sup>2</sup>up; <sup>3</sup>saith; \*0mit it; \*0mit but he answered nothing; \*accuse thee of; I no more answered anything; insomuch that; \*she; \*pused to release; 10 whom they asked of him; 11 called Barabbas, 1ying bound; 12 men who in the insurrection had committed murder; 10 went up and began to ask him; 14 was wont to do; 15 perceived; 13 feorety the chief priests had delivered him up; 17 stirred up the multitude; 18 again answered and said; 3 then shall I do; 20 And; 21 But; 22 Omit the more; 22 wishing; 24 multitude;

DAILY READINGS

M.—Christ's trial before Pilate, Mark 15:1-15. T.— Sent to Herod. Luke 23:1-11. W.—No fault, John 13:28-40. Th.—Pilate's fear. John 19:1-12. F.— Yielding to tumult, Matt. 27:15-25. S.—Peter's re-prinder, Acts 3:12-18. S.—Despised and rejected!

Shorter Catechism — Ques. 25. How doth Christ execute the office of a priest † A. Christ executeth the

office of a priest in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.

LESSON PLAN I. The Claim of Jesus, 1-5. II. The Demand of the Multitude, 6-11. III. The Consent of Pilate, 12-15.

Lesson Hymns — Book of Praise, 90; 6 (Ps. Sel.); 67; 47 (from Primary Quarterly); 91. 90 ; 64 ; 16

## **EXPOSITION**

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Time and Place-Friday, April 7, 30 A.D.; either in the Tower of Antonia, at the north-west corner of the temple area, or in Herod's palace on Mount Zion.

Connecting Links-On the way to the Mount of Olives Jesus foretells that His disciples will desert Him, and Peterdeny Him. After the agony in Gethsemane He is seized by an irregular force under the guidance of Judas, and put on trial before the Sanhedrim.

Jesus underwent three trials before the Jewish, and three before the Roman, authorities. The Jewish trials were: (1) Before Caiaphas, the high priest, immediately after His arrest (John 18: 19-24)—a brief preliminary examination; (2) A trial, illegal as to time and place, before the Sanhedrim at one or two in the morning, when He was condemned (Matt. 26: 59-68); (3) A second appearance before the Sanhedrim at break of day, Luke 22:66 to 23:1. The Roman rials were: (1) The first examination before

Pilate (Matt. 27:11-14); (2) The appearance before Herod (Luke 23: 4-12); (3) The final examination before Pilate, Luke 23: 13-26. The two appearances before Pilate are combined in the Lesson.

## I. The Claim of Jesus, 1-5.

V. 1. Straightway; without delay. In the morning; probably soon after sunrise. Chief priests . . elders . . scribes; the three classes making up the Sanhedrim or great council of the Jews. In this official gathering the priests took the lead in opposition to Jesus. At their head was Caiaphas, the leader of the Sadducees, who since the raising of Lazarus had been prominent in opposition to Jesus (see John 11: 49-53). They did not believe in a resurrection of the dead, ch. 12:18. Held a consultation; to arrange for presenting to Pilate their judgment and inducing him to pass on Jesus the death sentence (ch. 14: 64), which was beyond their authority. Bound Jesus; who had probably been free