

Though Jesus suffered so much on the cross He was not thinking about Himself.

First He thought of the poor thieves beside Him. One of them was sorry for his bad life and Jesus forgave his sins.

Then Jesus prayed for the cruel men who were putting Him to death.

He said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

The most unhappy person in all the world that day was Mary, Jesus' mother. She and her

sister and Mary Magdalene stood beside the cross weeping.

As soon as Jesus saw His mother, He said to John, who was there too, "Behold your mother!" To Mary he said, "John will be your son now." So John took Mary to his own home and took care of her always.

Jesus was getting weaker and weaker. By and by they gave Him vinegar to drink. As soon as He had tasted it He bowed His head and His spirit went up to God.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What day of the week was it that Jesus was crucified? Ans.—Friday. 2. What great feast was taking place? Ans.—The Passover. 3. What was the name of the place where Jesus was crucified? Ans. Calvary. 4. Was there anyone else crucified at the same time? Ans.—Yes, two thieves. 5. What did one of the thieves do? Ans.—He asked Jesus to forgive his sins. 6. What did Pilate write on Jesus' cross? Ans.—

JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

7. Were these words true? Ans.—Yes. 8. Did Pilate know how true they were? Ans.—No. 9. What did the soldiers do while Jesus was dying? Ans.—They divided his clothes among

themselves. 10. Did anybody pass the cross that day? Ans.—Yes, great crowds of people on their way to the Passover. 11. What did they do? Ans.—Some of them made fun of Jesus, saying "Come down from the cross." 12. Could Jesus have come down? Ans.—Oh, yes. 13. Why did He not come down? Ans.—Because He wanted to be the Saviour of the world. 14. For whose sins did Jesus suffer? Ans.—The sins of the world. 15. Who were standing beside the cross crying? Ans.—Mary the mother of Jesus, and her sister, and Mary Magdalene. 16. Who did Jesus tell to take care of His mother after He was dead? Ans.—John. 17. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—"The Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me."



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Jesus died to take away my sins



Golden Text—"I find no fault in Him."
—John 19 : 4.

Catechism—33. How were Adam and Eve punished for their sin? They were driven out of the garden, and had to suffer pain, sorrow and death.

Lesson Hymn

THERE is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.

Oh, dearly, dearly has He loved !
And we must love Him too ;
And trust in His redeeming blood,
And try His works to do. — Amen.
—Hymn 46, Book of Praise.