

syllable "El" distinctly. A sponge... of vinegar; sour wine,—an act of pity excited in some one by Christ's cry. On a reed; to lift it to Christ's lips. Let alone. In Matthew the crowd say this, objecting to the kindness and mockingly say, "let us see whether Elias will come." Cried with a loud voice. Luke adds, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." Gave up the ghost; yielded up his spirit, obedient unto death.

38, 39. Veil of the temple; a curtain before the Holy of Holies. Christ has entered the Holy of Holies, into God's immediate presence, and through him we, too, may come to God. From... top to... bottom; therefore not done by human agency. Centurion; Roman officer in charge. Stood over against him; watching him closely. Truly... the Son of God. The soldier, like the thief, felt Jesus to be more than man.

29-33 What challenge did those who passed by make to Jesus? What were the mocking words of the priests? What strange thing happened at the sixth hour?

34-37 What did Jesus cry at the ninth hour? Whom did the onlookers think him to be calling on? Look up the seven sayings of Jesus on the cross. (Luke 23:34; Luke 23:43; John 19:26, 27; Matt. 27:46; John 19:28; John 19:30; Luke 23:46.)

38, 39 Who was standing over against Jesus? What was a centurion? What words did he use to describe Jesus?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Could Jesus have saved himself on the cross?
2. Is Jesus ever crucified now?

A PRAYER

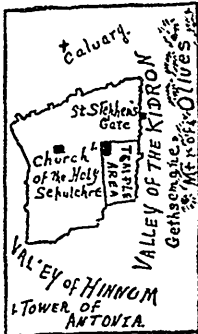
O Lord of Calvary, we thank thee that thou didst die for us. Teach us what thy death meant to thee, and what it may mean to us. Lead us to a new estimate of the value of the life which thou didst die to win for us. Let the memory of thy agony borne for us strengthen us in the hour of conflict and keep us near thee in the time of peace. Be thou our peace, and guide us in our efforts to make known thy peace to others. And to thee be all the glory, for ever. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—*That death is the outcome of sin.*

Shorter Catechism—*Ques. 20. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery? A. God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.*

The Question on Missions—11. Tell about worship in the home. Many non-Christians have no worship to-day. In many homes sacrifices of food and drink are offered to evil spirits or to the spirits of the departed relatives supposed to reside in little wooden tablets kept in the best room. In Christian homes family worship with singing, Bible reading and prayer is common.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



GOLGOTHA, the place of a skull, was so called from its resemblance in shape to a skull. The site of Golgotha is not a matter of absolute certainty. From the Bible we learn that it was outside the city gates, and not far from the city. Many suppose its site to be outside the present north wall near the Damascus gate, where there is a knoll that, from its slope, might well be Golgotha. Moreover, tradition says that

this knoll was a place of public execution, and to this day the Jews still call it the Place of Stoning.

LESSON QUESTIONS

22-25 Where was Jesus crucified? Why was it so called? Why was he offered wine and myrrh? Why did Jesus refuse it? What did the Jews think of crucifixion? What was done with Christ's garments?

26-28 What superscription was set over Christ's cross? Who objected to this title and why? (John 19:21) Who were crucified on either side of Jesus? What scripture did this fulfil?

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What unusual things happened during the crucifixion?
2. What was the centurion's conclusion about Jesus?
3. What does the rending of the temple veil signify?

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