

Calvary—Triumph Through Sacrifice

HIGHLIGHTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON 3-15

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(The International Uniform Lesson on the above topic for March 17 is Matthew 26:57-27:56, the Golden Text being Isaiah 53:3. "He was despised, and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.")

AFTER JUDAS' betrayal of Jesus in Gethsemane, the Lord was bound and taken first to Annas, the high priest, Caiaphas' father-in-law. There is no account in the gospels of what transpired there. Then He was taken to Caiaphas. This man was head of the Sanhedrin, the highest court in Israel, composed of 70 Jewish men, all over 40 years of age, all scholarly in their attainments and of unblemished reputation.

These men were resolved that Christ should die, but they made a semblance of trying Him, producing false witnesses, one of whom said Jesus had said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days," a thing Jesus had not said.

The high priest asked Jesus if this were true and He held His peace, so Caiaphas asked Him, "I adjure thee, by the Living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus answered, "Thou hast said; nevertheless, I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven."

Guilty of Death

Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, "He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, ye have heard His blasphemy." The others answered, "He is guilty of death." These men then spit in His face and buffeted Him, the story says, others smiting Him with palms of their hands. It was at this time that someone asked Peter if he was not one of Christ's companions and he denied it. Three times was he asked this question, and thrice did he deny his Lord, and at the third denial the cock crowed as Jesus had said.

The next morning they took the Master to Pontius Pilate, the governor, because only he could condemn to death. In the meantime, Judas had repented of his betrayal of his Lord. He had not spent the 30 pieces of silver, so he took them to the high priests and offered them back, saying, "I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood." But they answered, "What is that to us?" and refused to take it. Judas thereupon threw the money down and went out and hanged himself. The priests did not know what to do with this blood money, and finally used it to buy a "potter's field"—a place where the

very poor could be buried. To this day the burial place of the outcast is called "potter's field."

Pilate questioned Jesus, and at last admitted that he could find no fault with Him. At the feast of the passover, it was the custom for the governor to release a prisoner. Now there was a prisoner named Barrabas, a criminal, and Pilate asked the people if they wanted Jesus released or Barrabas, for he found Jesus innocent of any crime, and wanted to release Him, but feared to anger the people. They cared, nothing for Barrabas, and demanded that Jesus be crucified.

Pilate's Wife Has Dream

Pilate's wife sent word to him that he should have nothing to do with condemning Jesus, as He was righteous, as she had been warned in a dream. But even with this warning, Pilate had not the courage to release Him. All he did was to publicly wash his hands to signify that he would have nothing to do with the death of this innocent person. "I am innocent of the blood of this just person, see to it," he said. And the multitude roared, "His blood be on us, and on our children."

So Jesus was led away and beaten. The soldiers of the governor took His clothes away and mockingly dressed Him in a scarlet robe, platted a crown of thorns which they put on His head, and a reed in His right hand; bowing before Him in derision, they cried, "Hail, King of the Jews," and they beat Him and otherwise abused our Lord. Taking away the scarlet robe, they gave Him His own clothes and led Him away to be crucified.

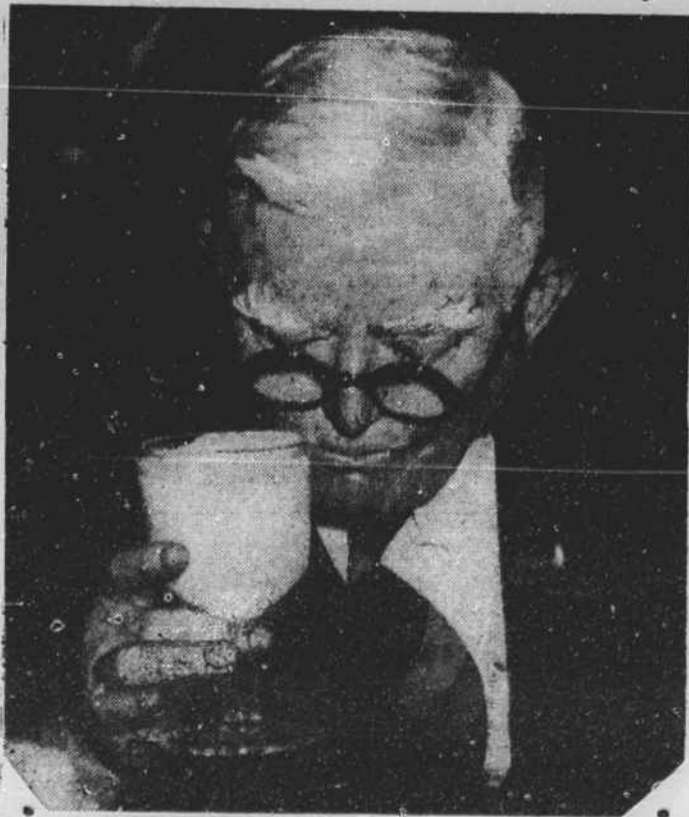
It is almost more than we can bear to think of these last hours of Jesus, the cruelty which He bore patiently for our sakes, the agony of that dreadful death which He suffered as a man. His disciples all had forsaken Him; when He asked for water they gave Him vinegar mingled with gall. Over His head on the cross was nailed the legend, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews," in mockery, of course. They taunted Him for not saving Himself, but after His death, when the earth grew dark and there was an earthquake, they became afraid and ran away, for they thought "Truly this was the Son of God."

None of the apostles seems to have been present at the crucifixion, but Jesus' mother, Mary Magdalen and Mary, mother of James and Joseph, were there, grieving, and they were the first at the tomb in the morning, for the evening after Jesus' death a rich man, named Joseph, took the body, wrapped it in clean linen, and put it in his own newly-made tomb, rolling a rock against the opening.

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John L. Lewis, CIO chieftain, should get quite a kick out of this picture showing Vice President John Nance Garner drinking a glass of milk, yes, milk, while he daintily holds a piece of cake in his other hand. Not long ago Mr. Lewis referred to Garner as a "whiskey drinking old man." The Vice President is pictured at party given Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana on his 68th birthday, in Washington.

MARRIAGE MONEY . . .

much." And all the while, Leona had been washing her hands over and over and listening.

A thousand dollars! If she had that thousand dollars tucked away where Pike wouldn't know she had it, she could take a chance and marry him. And Pike was so awfully anxious for them to get married. Then she could spend all her savings fitting up a little apartment, and it wouldn't matter, because she'd have this thousand tucked away in case of sickness or anything.

But Pike mustn't ever know that she had it, because then he'd want to know where she got it. And much as Pike needed money, he wouldn't stand for her getting it that way. Pike got awful mad if you did things he didn't like.

But if he didn't know anything about it, he couldn't get sore about it, could he? She could tell him she had to work that night, and he wouldn't know. She could be sure he had money for his dinner.

So she played with the idea while she dried her hands and went back to her desk. Mr. Burgess was the lawyer's name. His office was on the floor above. She'd have to be careful not to let on how she'd heard about it, if she went after the job. Stenographers aren't supposed to talk like that. Well, she could go in when that girl was out at lunch, and say she was willing to act as correspondent in divorce cases. And if she was going to do it, she'd better do it right away, before Mr. Burgess found out that other lawyers only paid two hundred dollars for correspondents.

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Defies Census



Republican Daniel A. Reed, New York representative, declares he will risk jail rather than answer "snooping" questions by census takers. He objects particularly to proposed questions on value of property, mortgages, interest rate, and other queries on income, and declares he is confident parts of the census are unconstitutional.

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While a Royal Air Force plane hovers overhead, the British liner *Domala* is shown burning off the coast of England as the result of a bomb attack by Nazi airmen. The *Domala* was enroute from Antwerp, Belgium, to England with 301 persons aboard, many of them British subjects who had been interned in Germany and who had just been exchanged for Germans held in England. British and Dutch vessels picked up many survivors, but 108 were reported lost.