International Sunday School Lesson

FEBRUARY 26, 1961

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THE CHALLENGE OF THE CROSS

Memory Selection: "He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life." -(John 12:25)

Lesson Text: John 12.

The purpose to which we dedicate our thinking today deals with and its meaning for us, collectively and individually.

In the Book of John, Chapter 12, verses 20-22, appear the words: "Now among those . . . were some Greeks." In John's mind the Greeks in today's Scripture were the sign that represented the entire gentile world. They of that time. The cross was his symbolized the fact that all the glory and the means of man's sall. copies of the canth would be drawn to Jesus at the moment of his crucifixion. As He died on

At the instant of His death on the cross, evil was finally and forever overthrown.

We must bear in mind that in Biblical days, the cross was an instrument of slow and agonizing death, and one which was usual ly reserved for criminals. John's purpose here, in our lesson tdoay is to defend the cross, to set forth its true meaning, to show that it is not something shameful, but something imbued with glory. This he does with three illustratnons, or signs.

Mary of Bethamy is the first sign that the cross is not despictable, but gliorious. Her tender ministrations are valued highly. Mary becomes, through John's interpretation, the prototype of all believers to whom the cross is not an offense. She is the model of all converts who, in the face of the cross, neither hesitate mor athe full significance of the cross, pologize, but expend themselves unstintingly upon its gracious glory.

> The next sign is Jesus' triumphal entry. As Jesus rode to die, they signified the triumph of his entry by the spreading of palm leaves before him, hailing him tas a victor, according to the customs glory and the means of man's sal-

as heretofore mentioned - sym

les ago affect us today, we ask?

How can it provide salvation? In

ferent from that of the many oth-

er martyrs to the birth of Chris-

tianity, as chronicled through the

In the first place, Jesus' death was unique. A mantyr sacrifices his life for a principle or a cause. Jesus gave his hife for the sine of the world. As we saw a few lessons ago, Jesus' ministry, even in his healing miracles, was the casting out of demons - the defeat of evil in mankind and all

And the Resurrection shows that Jesus was victorious. On the vious instruction. cross he vanquished evil once and

The New Testament pictures man and God as being estranged, but it is man's guilt and not God's anger that is at fault. The cross, or the Atonement, is God's act to reconcile man to himself. It is God who does the reconciling. He does this through the cross, to show us how agonizingly he dares.

suffering. And, strange as it bringest forth divers fro may seem, not only the forgiven but also the forgiver suffers.

for what offending man was -for what he had become as comto the Christ in his giory on the for what he had become as com-cross.

But how can the death of one been and yet could be. This suf-offering life in Christ's name ione person all those long centur- fering for our salvation shines life from the cross!

e U. S. Ammy

marksmarship under the U.S. Army's TRAINFIRE program to become a better miller on in In this program, most of their training consisted of firing their rifles at pop-up targets at unduplicates combat areas. Other highlights of their intensive training include squad tractics, bayonet and hand-to-hand combat, and

training, they will hive in the field under conditions similar to them. There are centain things those in the forward areas of a to which every child has a birthbattle zone. They move over right. He has a right to be loved Rites On Saturday rough terrain on foot and in tactical vehicles and participate in has a right to be respected as a numerous combat situations of a human individual in a free so his struggle. There he fought his realistic nature. They flearn the flight with evil to the bitter end. pnactical applications of the skills and knowledge gained in all pre- and what society will expect of

As a climax to this first phase of training, they will march with their battalion in a review before the commanding general of Fort Jackson. This ceremony is witnessed by relatives and friends of the trainees who attend the "open house" held by each company on graduation day.

St. Francis of Assissi; " Praised be my Lord for our Mother the Earth, that which doth sustain us and keep us and flowers of many colors and

It is a substitute family from dor children who cannot be with their own parents, but who need a damily setting rather than that of an institution.

Are these children adopted by

the foster parents?
No. Adaption is not the function of a foster home. The foster par ents penform the duties of parents to the child of others. Are there many foster homes

in North Carolina? Currently there are over 1,300 licensed foster homes in the

homes? The county departments of wel-

fare place children in foster homes for varied reasons. Some of their parents are physically all; some who are unable to face the prob-lems of their instruct-are combat veterans of Would War H and the Korean War.

During their supports the company of the company of their lives abandon their children. Some parents die. Some children come from house. During their seventh week of not loved. Sometimes they have parents who have been cruel and to learn to love others. He ciety. He line a right to be taught what is right and what is wrong him. Foster homes seek to pro-vide this birthright for the children in their care.

Do the real parents visit their children in foster homes? Yes, the majority of these dren have parents who visit them,

and foster parents must be willing to welcome the children's parents when they come.

What kinds of children

placed in foster homes? Foster children tare like hildren. Some are tiny bables Some are big boys and girls. Some so bright. Some have physical handicaps. They are only alike in

foster parents? food, cleanliness, quiet sleep, firesh air, safety from fire and health hazards. They must know how children should be cared for and be willing to learn from the social worker from the county department of public weifars. They must be able to do the physical works that all children make, and they must the cherish children.

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such as mile, milet, lespedes

ch as mile, millet, lespedess, beans, and compense, provide temporary fall and winter food ply for farm game.
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Mrs. Plemmons, 66, Passes Thursday:

Mrs. Altha Price Plemmons, 66 of R-1, Hot Springs died Thursday morning, Feb. 16, 1961, in s Burke County hospital.

Services were held at 2 p m., Saturday in Lusk Chipel Baptist Church.

The Rev. Jarvis Teague, the Rev. Doyle Miller and the Rev. Lush Rogers officiated and burial was in Woody Cemetery. Pallbearers were Owen and Floyd Fish, Dean and C. J. Justice, William Smith and Jack Price.

Mrs. Plemmons was a daughter of Josiah and Martha Price and a native of Madison County. She was a member of Lusk Chapel end of March. The 1961 divide

andicaps. They are only able in Coward of Waynesville, Mrs. Hardate to veterans who contact they cannot live with their my Sheban of Mornistown, Tenn., hold either term or per and Mrs. Charlie Justice of participating National Markage are the qualifications of Candler; a son, Stewart Plem. mons of Hot Springe RFD 1; six Life Insurance. Mrs. Pink Plemmons, Mrs. Baxter Davis, Mrs. Herman Freeman

> **GROUND STEAK** PLATE

MASHED POTATOES Choice of TWO VEGETABLES COFFEE or TEA

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* News for Veterans * . * * * * * * *

Veterans who are expecti GI insurance dividend check under the President's speed-up plan can help themselves and VA get the job done by NOT makin advance individual inquiries.

Accelerated dividend payme is one of a series of Presidential actions to assist the economy.

J. D. DeRamus, Veterans Administration Regional Oddice Manager, Wanson-Salem, N. C., explained that answering a flood of questions from individual veterans would divent personnel from processing the dividends, and thus

He said the VA is using esource do ain all-out effort to possible in the mail before the

Schedule of Home Demonstration Clubs In County

Monday, Feb. 27 - Walnut HD Club meets at 3 p. m., in the Wal-nut High School Building. Tuesday, Feb. 28 — Bull Creek HD Club meets at 2 p. m., with

Mrs. Eugenia Hunter. Wednesday, March 1 — Sleepy Valley HD Club meets at 2 p. m. with Mrs. Clarence Lawson.

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