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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR MARCH 18

JESUS CRUCIFIED

LESSON TEXT—Luke 23:33-44.
GOLDEN TEXT—He was crucified for our transgressions. He was crucified for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed.—Isaiah 53:5.
REFERENCE—MATTHEW—Psa. 22:1-23:1 Cor. 1:3, 23:29; Gal. 3:13.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus on the Cross.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Jesus on the Cross.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—What Our Salvation Costs.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Meaning of Christ's Death.

We now face the greatest tragedy of all time. No record in the annals of history approaches it. It is the very climax of all history. Though unique in its blackness, from it flows streams of liberty and life for all the world. Let every teacher have the personal experience of Christ's death for him, and then get his pupils to see that Christ's death was instead of their own death.

I. The Place of Crucifixion (v. 33). They led Him away to Calvary, a hill north of Jerusalem resembling a skull. Calvary is the Latin word and Golgotha is the Hebrew. This is a significant name for the place where man's redemption was accomplished. The skull is an apt picture of man's condition as the result of sin—life and intelligence are gone, leaving only the dark empty cavern which contained them. Jesus was not crucified in the city for He was to suffer without the gate (Heb. 13:12).

II. His Companions on the Cross (v. 38).

Two malefactors were crucified with Him. Their names are not given. This is a fulfillment of the Scriptures. "He was numbered with the transgressors." (Isaiah 53:12).

III. His Forgiving Love (v. 34).

He cried, "Father, forgive them." He doubtless had in mind not only the soldiers who acted for the government, but the Jews who in their blindness were ignorant of the enormity of their crime. He had no hatred in His heart. He yearned for their salvation.

IV. The World Revealed (v. 34-43). Jesus Christ on the cross is the supreme touchstone laying bare the heart of the world. Take a cross section of the world at any time since Christ was crucified and representative of their classes were found around Jesus on the cross. The cross is the judgment of this world (John 12:31).

1. The Covetous (v. 34). They gambled for His seamless robe right under the cross where He was dying. This represents those whose primary interest in Christ is a means to get gain.

2. The Mockers (v. 35). The people stood beholding. The great name of the world gave upon the crucified Christ with stolid indifference.

3. The Scoffers (v. 35-39). (1) The rulers reviled Him for His claim to being a Savior. They wanted a Savior, but not a crucified Savior. Many today are religious, but have only contempt for a salvation which centers in a blood atonement. (2) The soldiers reviled Him for claiming to be a king. The title, "King of the Jews" had been placed over him in bitter irony, but it was true, for by right of the Davidic covenant He shall be King over Israel (II Samuel 7:12-16). (3) The Impudent Thief (v. 39). This brutal man joins in reviling the Savior even when he was under condemnation.

4. The Penitent (v. 40-43). The conscious sinner who discerned the heart of the Savior prayed for mercy. The salvation of this penitent thief is a remarkable picture of the saving power of Christ. The man confessed his sin as against God and cried to Jesus for salvation. He saw that the dying man was the forgiving God. The fact that he acknowledged his sin as against God showed that he was penitent. His request for Christ to remember him when He came into His kingdom shows that he recognized that the one who was dying on the cross was making atonement for sin and that he would come to reign as King. His salvation was immediate. Christ said, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

V. The Death of Christ (v. 40-48). So shocking was the crime that nature threw around the Son of God a shield to hide Him from the Godless crowd. Darkness was upon the land at noonday. When the price of sin was paid He cried with a loud voice showing that He still had vitality—that His death was not through exhaustion but by His sovereign will.

Manners.
Manners are the happy ways of doing things.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Time.
Time devours all human things, and it is but fitting that we should match something from it in our turn, which may turn to account in life eternal.—St. Vincent of Lerins.

A Cheerful Face.
A cheerful face is nearly as good for an invalid as healthy weather.—Franklin.

Taking Our Colors.
We take our colors, characters—Hills, from each other.—Chamfort.

TOWNSEND DESERVES CREDIT

The House showed quite a determined spirit in taking the kink out of the K. K. K. N. A. Townsend, of Dunn, deserves great credit for the active part he took in securing the passage of the Milliken bill, which directs that the names of the membership shall be filed with the secretary of state and with the clerks of the court in the several counties. The amendment to make it a misdemeanor to go off one's premises masked seems

to have failed of passage by two votes. But probably the publication of the names is sufficient to hedge the disposition of the klanmen themselves to plunder about under cover of masks, though it leaves others free to do their devilment under the Ku Klux guise, and this would seem to be quite an embarrassing situation for the klanmen, now that the secrecy of membership is removed, or will be so soon as the senate has passed the act, which it probably will do with little hesitation for the people are not disposed to have a secret body of regulators at large.—Sampson Democrat.

BOY, PAGE U. S. PAGE

It is time for the Cumberland county officers to quit taking any chances with moonshiners or bootleggers. Another deputy was shot down in cold blood by two of that gang in Fayetteville Saturday. If the fellows can be caught, an example should be made of them. An old-fashioned hanging to which all Cumberland blockaders had a special invitation would be in order. But, really, it does not seem reasonable that an officer should let his prisoners shoot him after their arrest. If there is any shooting to be done let the officers do it. We recommend to Sheriff McGuchy our old friend U. S. Page. Make him a deputy and see if any moonshiner gets him.—Sampson Democrat.

AGED BROTH A PASTEUR RELIC

Veal broth bottled 74 years ago by Louis Pasteur to prove his germ theory is now in the possession of Dr. Ernest La Place, a Philadelphia surgeon who was the noted Frenchman's first pupil. The few ounces of broth is in a small, round flask and is just as clear and uncontaminated now as it was when first bottled. It helps to bear out Pasteur's idea that there can be no decomposition without germ growth and no germ growth without contamination. Pasteur's theory of micro-organic life—the germ theory—is the basis of all modern medicine.—Ex.

POET LAUREATE DOUGLAS

The Federation of Women's Clubs has arrived at the conclusion that it stands in need of a poet laureate and casting about over the field has settled upon Rev. John Jordan Douglas, the Presbyterian minister of Wadesboro, who makes frequent contributions to The Observer, as the man best equipped to fill the bill. Of

course, only native talent is desirable. In Mr. Douglas they have found a poet of admittedly fine qualifications. His work has been given recognition by many of the women's clubs throughout the State and has been well received by the public in general. He is poet and scholar of the highest order, and from him the federation may expect productions of a character in keeping with the best traditions of that organization.—Charlotte Observer.

THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

A lawyer charges a man \$10 for ten minutes conversation—the man insists on paying it: A doctor charges \$1 for a prescription and the patient says, "Oh pshaw—is that enough?" An undertaker conducts a funeral and charges \$100 and he is just perfectly lovely with everybody inside and outside the family. A man buys a gold brick and apologizes for not having bitten sooner. An editor walks a mile in the hot sun to get the facts of a sudden death or wedding or social function and spends three hours writing it up and tells lies and praises people till he hates himself. Then if he makes an insignificant omission or error or charges five cents straight for these extra papers he is a stingy cuss who never gets anything right and charges four times the price of city papers twice as large. In short, he is a confounded almost-any-old-thing and ought to be run out of town. Talk about the ice man! How would you like to run a newspaper?—Exchange.

OUR REPRESENTATIVE

Harnett County feels proud that its young Representative in the House has come off with such signal honors. Representative N. A. Townsend registered a distinct surprise upon the General Assembly, and possibly even upon a good many people in his home county. But it is not so very surprising when it is noted that Townsend exhibited rare judgment.

Denying the mantle of Grand Old Man Doughton was no young man's job. Townsend realized it. He was naturally at sea upon educational matters. Good judgment prompted him to appeal to B. F. Gentry, who in turn put him in touch with that super-mind on educational matters, Dr. E. C. Brooks. That fixed it up, and Townsend knew his course afirewards.

Our Representative has made a

fine record. The county is proud of him.—Harnett County News.

DO YOU KNOW THE SECRET

"What is the secret of success?" asked the Sphinx.
"Push," said the Button.
"Beat your way through life," said the heart.
"Never be led," said the Fanell.
"Have nerve," said the Tooth.
"Be up-to-date," said the Calendar.
"Always keep cool," said the Ice.
"Look pleasant," said the Camera.
"Do business on tick," said the Clock.

"Put up a bluff," said the mountain.

"Keep to your bed," said the River.

"Never lose your head," said the Barrel.

"Drive things in," said the Hammer.

"Make light of everything," said the Fire.

"Make much of small things," said the Microscope.

"Never do anything offhand," said the Glove.

"Have a year-pump," said the Cat.

"An egg a day," said the Hen.

"Spend much time in reflection," said the Mirror.

"Be sharp in your dealings," said the Knife.

"Find a good thing and stick to it," said the Grape.—Selected.

The real course for covetousness—namely, contentment. This is a rare drug in the market.—Spurgeon.

BAD CHECKS

Something is going to have to be done about the bad check matter. Instead of getting better, the situation is getting worse, and we hope the present session of the General Assembly will enact some law to cover the case of the man who gives checks knowing them to be worthless and the man who gives checks knowing he hasn't enough money in the bank to cover them, even though he has an account with the bank on which the checks are drawn.

It is estimated that every three and a half minutes during the banking day a forged or altered check is cashed at some bank. This does not include the checks cashed for which there are not sufficient funds. We are not certain that this percentage holds good in North Carolina but from the way the merchants talk, we believe it does. There is hardly a merchant anywhere who has not been

posterred and imposed upon by the issuance of worthless checks.

Every man who overdraws his account will not be arrested under this proposed law, to be sure, but the law will give the holder of the check and the bank on which it is drawn the right to prosecute and they will not be after a certain class of check abusers and they should have the authority to catch this class if possible.—Concord Times.

Noise proves nothing. Often a hen who has merely laid an egg cackles as though she had laid an asteroid.—Mark Twain.

ADVERTISING GETS INDUSTRIES

You can't fool the town of Dunn about the value of advertising the advantages of a town and the opportunities it offers for industries. In order to induce outside capital to take Dunn into consideration as a desirable location for manufacturing establishments the chamber of commerce of that town has advertised in the Manufacturers Record, the Textile World and in daily papers. These advertisements appeared nearly two weeks ago, and now comes the declaration of the Dunn chamber that

it "has already found that it pays to advertise." Dunn advertised an opportunity there for an industry needed by the community, and already more than a dozen answers have come to the chamber of commerce. That particular industry has already been secured and will soon be in operation. That is only one of the efforts to be put forth by the Dunn chamber to attract cotton mills and other manufacturing plants. In this connection it can be said that Dunn knows when it is time to advertise. The possibilities in local advertising are now greater than they ever will be again.—Wilmington Star.



Welcomed Everywhere

Record-breaking sales mark the widespread endorsement of the new Willys-Knight. Seven beautiful new models, each powered by the marvelous Willys-Knight sleeve-valve engine that improves with use. Many owners report 50,000 miles of smooth performance in their Willys-Knights without a single engine adjustment.

Watch for the Willys-Knight Advertisements in The Saturday Evening Post

WILLYS-KNIGHT

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THE ENGINE IMPROVES WITH USE

E. V. Gainey, Dealer

Fertilizers and Seed!

For lowest cash price on Fertilizers and highest price for your cotton seed see us. We will also handle Calcium Arsenate this Spring which is recommended by the government to be the most effective preparation with which to fight the boll weevil. Let's talk the matter over before you place your order.

N. B. Lee and Fred Baggett
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The record of this institution since its inception has been one of service to its community, and its state. Upon that solid foundation has been built a structure that is a matter of pride to our citizens and to those who have had a part in its making.

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The Proof of Your Method Is the Cotton You Raise



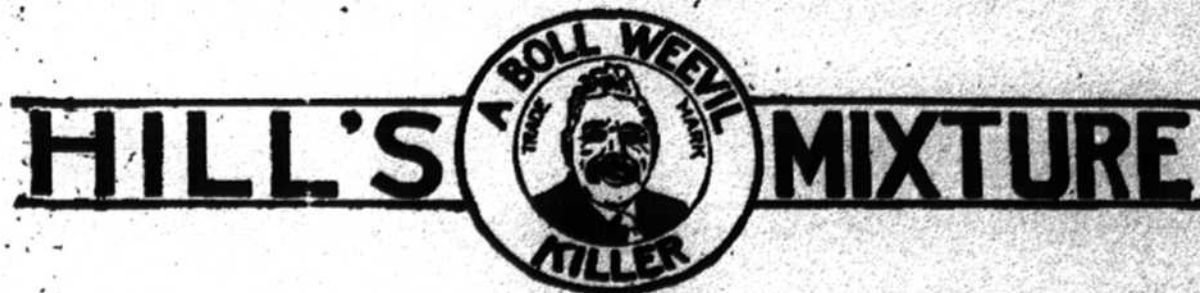
I'm a Practical Georgia farmer, and spent \$22,000 in money, and five years in time on my Burke County plantations, in an effort to perfect a poison that would protect my cotton from the Boll-weevil. Hill's Mixture is the result, and in the past two years the boll weevil has gotten practically none of my cotton.

And I raised 604 bales on 812 acres in Burke County in 1922. (This was 4% of the crop for my county, on 1% of the planted acreage.) I was enabled to do this by protecting my cotton with "Hill's Mixture," preventing the boll-weevils from getting one pound of my cotton!

You Can Raise Cotton

If you'll protect your crop with HILL'S MIXTURE—economical, efficient and the easiest boll-weevil poison to apply, on the market today.

Hill's Mixture is a liquid poison, composed of calcium arsenate, molasses, water and secret ingredients which form a combination that we are convinced, from results obtained, attracts the boll weevil.



Six gallons will give protection to an acre of cotton. Compare this with the cost of dusting.

The molasses in Hill's Mixture acts as a binder, and a rainfall of less than a half-inch has little effect on it! It can be PUT ON ANY TIME OF THE

DAY, and requires no machinery for its application. Make a mop out of a stick with a rag tied on the end, and pass up and down the rows, touching the bud of each plant with the mop.

Unqualified Endorsement of Users!

Hill's Mixture was tried out last year by scores of farmers on thousands of acres of land, and EVERY-ONE OF THEM ARE GOING TO USE IT AGAIN IN 1923! Let me send you their letters endorsing it. The President of the American Cotton Assn. made a special trip to Burke County to investigate Hill's Mixture, and endorsed it as the best boll weevil poison on the market.

Hill's Mixture is mechanically mixed, every ingredient being put in in the exact proportion. None of the uncertainty of "mixing your own." Hill's Mixture is sold in 50-gallon barrels. Secure prices from the agent whose name appears below.

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SMITHFIELD, N. C.
Agents for Lee, Johnston, Nash,
Wayne, Wake, Graham and Harnett
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