

**Victory Baptist Church**  
MAGGIE VALLEY  
The Rev. John H. Willis, Jr., Pastor  
SUNDAY—  
7:30 p.m.—The Gospel Light Hour over Radio Station WWIT—Canton—970 on your dial.  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School. Claude Trantham, Supt., 1st and 3rd Sundays.  
11:00 a.m.—Sunday School—2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.  
9:45 a.m.—Worship Service. Sermon by the pastor, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays.  
7:30 p.m.—Prayer Services conducted by Rev. Rufe Finger.  
WEDNESDAY—  
7:30 p.m.—Prayer Service.  
FRIDAY—  
7:30 p.m.—Bible study.  
SATURDAY—  
7:30 p.m.—Prayer services in a home.

**Dellwood Methodist Charge**  
The Rev. Grady Barringer, Pastor  
DELLWOOD  
SATURDAY—  
6:30—Fellowship Supper in the basement of the parsonage.  
SUNDAY—  
10:00—Morning Worship. Sermon by the pastor.  
11:00—Church School. Taylor Ferguson, superintendent.  
6:30—MYF.  
TUESDAY—  
7:00—Choir practice for the children.  
7:30—Choir practice for the adults.  
ELIZABETH CHAPEL  
SUNDAY—  
10:00—Church School. Jack Arrington, Supt.  
6:30—MYF.  
7:30—Evening Worship. Sermon by the pastor.  
WEDNESDAY—  
7:30—Bible Study.  
8:15—Choir practice.

**Riverside Baptist Church**  
The Rev. Paul Grogan, Pastor  
FRIDAY—  
7:30 p.m.—Lesson Study for teachers taught by Lynn Chambers at homes to be announced.  
SUNDAY—  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. Paul Erwin, Superintendent, in charge.  
10:45 a.m.—Junior Choir sings. Edgar Burnette, director.  
11:00 a.m.—Sermon by the pastor 2nd and 4th Sundays. Observance of the Lord's Supper the second Sunday of each quarter.  
7:00 p.m.—Training Union. Edgar Burnette, director, in charge. Invitation to everyone is extended. Training groups for all ages are available. Also a Bible Class.  
7:45 p.m.—Evening Worship 1st and 3rd Sundays.  
7:45 p.m.—General Assembly Program 2nd and 4th Sundays by various groups.  
TUESDAY—  
7:00 p.m.—Cottage prayer meeting at various homes.  
WEDNESDAY—  
7:00 p.m.—Midweek prayer meeting at the church. Pastor in charge.  
7:30 p.m.—Choir practice, Junior Sorrells, Chorister.  
THURSDAY—  
9:00 a.m.—WMU Quilting. Mrs. J. H. Reece, hostess. Covered dish luncheon at the noon hour will be served.

**MAPLE GROVE**  
SUNDAY—  
10:00—Church School. Leonard Leatherwood, superintendent.  
11:00—Morning Worship. Sermon by the pastor.  
WEDNESDAY—  
7:15—Choir practice.  
8:00—Prayer meeting.  
FRIDAY—  
7:30—Charge-wide Good Friday Service for all. The pastor in charge of the service.

**Red Bank Baptist Church**  
Rev. Joe Williams, Pastor  
SUNDAY—  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. Garrett Hill, Supt.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Message by the pastor every 2nd and 4th Sunday.  
7:00 p.m.—Training Union, John Trull, Director.  
7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship. Message by the pastor every 2nd and 4th Sunday.  
7:30 p.m.—The regular monthly singing will be held the first Sunday in each month. Frank Smathers is in charge. All singers are invited to come and take part. Visitors are welcome to worship with us in any of the services.

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# Sunday School Lesson

## The Meaning of Christ's Suffering

BY HIS AGONY HE SAVES HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS

Scripture—Luke 23:1-56.

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL

CHRIST'S TRIALS occupy most of our lesson assignment today. How unjust these trials were we shall learn as we read Luke's account of them.

Possibly some of the older children who study this lesson have been in a modern courtroom where a trial was being held. No judge sitting on a case would be allowed to try a friend or acquaintance. He must be absolutely neutral.

The jurors listening to the evidence also must have no prejudices. They must listen intently to what the witnesses of both sides have to testify, and bring in their verdict of guilty or not guilty according to the knowledge they thus gain and by what the judge informs them in his "charge."

No shouting crowds are allowed in the courtroom to hurl accusations at the accused as in Jesus' case. We shall see as we read the story how lacking in right and justice these trials were when our Lord was condemned to death.

After the so-called trial before the scribes and Pharisees, Christ was taken before Pontius Pilate, the Roman procurator appointed to Judaea by Tiberius, the whole multitude following them. These enemies of the accused Jesus,

It seems that Pilate and Herod had been at enmity with each other before this trial, but now had become friends.

Pilate, afraid to offend the Jews, but still sure that Jesus had done nothing to deserve death, repeated that he found no fault with the Man, so he would scourge Him and let Him go. If Jesus was innocent why should He be beaten? Why did not Pilate stand firm on his verdict that Jesus was innocent? Because he was weak, as many of us are.

One man was to be released to the people, either a criminal or Jesus. Pilate asked the multitude which he should release, and they shouted Barabás, and when Pilate showed his willingness to release Jesus, the mob cried, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

"And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed."

As they led Christ away to the place of execution they met a man named Simon, and they gave him the cross to bear. Multitudes followed, among them some women who were grief stricken for Him.

On the cross, in His agony, Christ prayed, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Two malefactors were crucified with Him, one on each side. One mocked at the Lord, saying, "If

MEMORY VERSE

He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.—Isaiah 53:5.

saying, "We found this Fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that He himself is Christ a King."

This was an out and out falsehood.

Pilate asked Jesus: "Art Thou the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered simply, "Thou sayest it." Pilate told all present, "I find no fault in this Man."

Fiercely the mob shouted, "He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place."

"Was Jesus a Galilean?" asked Pilate, seeing a way to share the responsibility of the case. Being assured that He was, Pilate told the accusers to take Jesus before Herod. Now Herod had heard much of Jesus and hoped to see Him some day and possibly see Him perform a miracle, so he was glad when Christ was brought before him.

Herod asked Jesus some questions, but the Lord remained silent. The chief priests did not, however, hurling accusations at Him vehemently. Herod and his men then mocked the Lord, dressed Him in gorgeous robe, and sent Him back to Pilate.

Thou be Christ, save thyself and perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, two were being justly punished for their crimes, but Jesus was guiltless. Then He said to Jesus: "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom," and Jesus answered, "Today thou shalt be with Me in Paradise."

About the sixth hour darkness covered the earth, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. Then Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit," and died. All His friends and the women stood far off and beheld these things.

Now a man named Joseph—a counsellor and a good man, and just," went to Pilate and begged that he might take the Body of Jesus and bury it. Pilate gave his consent, and Joseph took Jesus' body down, wrapped it in linen and laid it in his own sepulchre where no man had lain.

The women noted where Christ was laid and prepared spices and ointments with which to embalm the body; but they first rested because of the Sabbath day, and when they came again the Lord had risen.



## THROUGH DARKNESS

Clouds, smoke and fog over the city—darkness enveloping the streets—the church spires hidden! Presently the sun's rays pierce the clouds—the fog lifts—once more the church spires will point toward heaven for all to see.

So it is with life. Men and women grope about in darkness; clouds of doubt and the smoke of unbelief shut out God's glorious light. Then church bells peal—eyes and footsteps turn toward the house of God.

As sunlight dispels physical darkness, so God's message lifts the darkness from men's souls. Are you hearing that message? It sounds particularly clear on Palm Sunday morning when the story of Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem is recalled. The Church invites you. Will you come?

**THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH**

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	John	12	1-19
Monday	John	12	20-36
Tuesday	John	13	1-17
Wednesday	John	14	1-16
Thursday	John	15	1-14
Friday	John	16	1-14
Saturday	John	17	1-14

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