

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

JESUS' DEATH AND BURIAL

International Sunday School Lesson for June 12

Memory Selection: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.—John 10: 11.

Lesson Text: Luke 23: 33-38, 46; Mark 15: 34; Matthew 27: 57-60.

Symbolically washing his hands Pilate allowed the Jews to proceed with the killing of Jesus. No one knows for certain the exact location of the scene of the Crucifixion. Calvary, or Golgotha, meaning "The Skull" was either northwest of Jerusalem, in the present Christian quarter, where stands the church of the Holy Sepulchre, or north outside of the Damascus gate, beyond the present Mohammedan quarter. The former is the traditional site and five religious sects are rivals in conducting services and caring for it.

Two thieves were crucified along with Jesus. One reviled him for not rescuing them all from their fate. But the other recognized the goodness of Jesus and rebuked his companion, calling his attention to the fact that they, at least, deserved their fates while Jesus was innocent. This thief asked Jesus to remember him in his kingdom and Jesus promised him that he would be with him in Paradise. No one reading the gospel account of this solemn scene can fail to be moved by a conviction of its sincerity.

Hanging on the cross and enduring the torture of the crucifixion, mocked and ridiculed by the soldiers and his Jewish enemies, Jesus seven times spoke. First, it was a plea for the forgiveness of his murderers. Then, his promise to the supplicant robber. Third, he commended his mother to John. Fourth, he asked God why had he forsaken him. Fifth, an expression of physical agony, thirst. Sixth, a word of success, that his task had been completed. Last, it was a solemn commitment of his spirit into the hands of his Father.

Matthew tells us that, when evening was come, Joseph, a rich man from Armathea, who "also was Jesus' disciple," went to Pilate and asked permission to take the body of Jesus down from the cross and bury it. Pilate gave his consent and Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his new tomb, which had been hewn from a rock in the hillside and in which no body had ever been laid before. In order to protect it from prowling animals, a huge stone was rolled up to the door of the tomb and then Joseph departed.

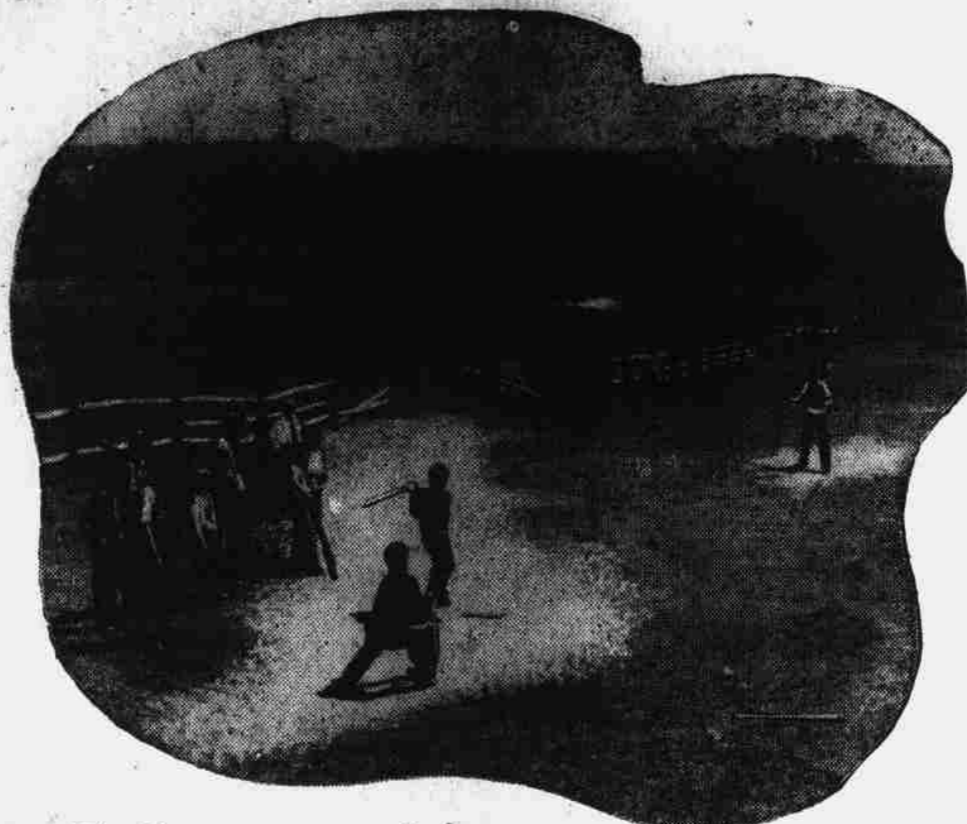
Another account tells us that the Jews, fearful lest the disciples of Jesus would come in the night and steal the body and then claim that he had fulfilled his prophecy of rising from the dead, went to Pilate and asked for an official seal to be placed on the tomb and Roman soldiers to guard the entrance. Pilate consented and this was done.

We are reminded that there is danger of our reading about the wonder of Jesus' life and the terribleness of his death, without paying any heed to the truth that in living and dying as he did, he laid demands upon us of loyalty to him, of faithful following of his way to the cross. Christian living is beautiful but it is difficult as well and requires the walking of hard roads at times; and the sacrificing for others of much that is dear to us.

When the way gets too difficult for us, let us remember the words of John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

BE A BETTER CITIZEN!

GO TO SOME CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY



The Sand Lots of America

Baseball has been a healthy and wholesome influence in the lives of American youth. It has taught them the lessons of fair play and obedience to rules in all human relations. Like other clean sports, it has furnished an outlet for youthful energies and enthusiasm.

The delinquency in America today is traceable to idle time spent in street-loafing and back-alley sessions with questionable associates rather than in healthy, constructive activities.

In contrast, it has been said that the character and stamina shown by American boys on the battlefields of the world was built up on the sand lots of this country in clean and invigorating sports.

Only a nation founded on the concepts of Christianity can produce this fair-minded and honest sportsmanship. Only by upholding such standards as the Golden Rule can we expect our youth to engage in constructive spare-time activities.

Thus we find that religion is the true answer to delinquency. So that Christian teachings may become a greater part of our national life, we must bring our youth into the Church where they will learn to live and play by the Golden Rule.

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 the sake of 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	I Corinthians	9	22-27
Monday	Philippians	3	12-16
Tuesday	Hebrews	6	1-6
Wednesday	Timothy	1	7-11
Thursday	Philippians	1	3-11
Friday	Isaiah	45	20-25
Saturday	John	1	19-28

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E. B. Edwards, Pastor
First Sunday:
New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M.
Oak Grove Church, 3:00 P. M.
Second Sunday
Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.
Cedar Grove Church, 10 A. M.
Woodland Church, 7:30 P. M.
Third Sunday
Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
New Hope Church, 7:30 P. M.
Fourth Sunday
Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
Woodland Church, 10 A. M.
Winfall Church, 7:30 P. M.
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Woodland Church, 11:00 A. M.
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Morning worship on first Sunday at 11 A. M.
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Sunday School at 11 A. M. every second, third and fourth Sunday.

Go To Church Your Church Any Church But Go