

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

## FACING THE CROSS

International Sunday School Lesson  
For April 3

Memory Selection: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."—Mark 8:34.

Lesson Text: Mark 8:27-34; Luke 9:28-35, 51.

Six months before his crucifixion Jesus led his disciples once again away from the crowd and anxious to ascertain the fruit of his association with them, asked as he walked along the roadside, "Who do men say that I am?" Peter, the impulsive leader of the group, made his great confession of faith.

"It was a divine revelation to Peter, in a flash of intuition, which drew into itself the best thoughts, feelings and expressions of the past two years," says William A. Grist. "The lowly origin of the Carpenter, the familiarity of daily intercourse, the shocks of disapproval, the delay of hopes making the heart sick, the haughty repudiation of Jesus by the authorized teachers of Israel, and the ebbing tide of his popularity in Galilee, might have almost justified a fisherman's inability to decide this momentous question. But, in spite of all doubts and dreadful uncertainties, there was that in Simon's soul which leapt up in answer to the Master's word—wholeheartedness and a sudden sense of the greatness of the reality in Jesus—impelled by this spirit, he trampled down all doubts, and burst out in enthusiastic confession of faith and loyalty."

Following Peter's outspoken recognition of his divinity, Jesus then began to explain to his disciples how it would be necessary for him to die, also prophesying his resurrection three days afterwards. The prophecy of so shameful a death was beyond the understanding of the disciples.

Peter, again the impulsive spokesman, probably encouraged to speak by the recognition given his confession of faith, took Jesus aside and boldly rebuked him. Without realizing it, Peter was bringing back to his master the same temptation presented by the devil during the forty days. Jesus proceeded to rebuke Peter, intimating that he was serving Satan in such advice and was unmindful of the things of God.

"The words of Jesus opened in a strange path," says Francis J. McConnell. "Peter was not ordinarily averse to strange paths, but this was too strange. If George Washington had told the assembled army at Cambridge in 1775 that it was necessary for him to die on the gallows before the American cause could be won, the astonishment could hardly have been greater than when Jesus said that he must be crucified. Of course, I know the situation of Washington was not at all parallel to that of Jesus, but I am speaking of ideals of leadership."

"The Jews thought of the Messiah as acting much like any national leader. It was strange, strange doctrine to hear that the Messiah must suffer, and the disciples were horrified by the Master's words. We may learn then from this scene at Caesarea (Concluded on Page Two)

# CORONATION



Regal processions have moved down the avenues of time. Kings have bowed their heads to receive the crown of the realm.

But never rode a king as this King rode . . . meek and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

Nor ever wore a king the crown this King wore . . . surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.

On one day men lined His path with palm branches, and spread their garments in the way. On another, they pierced His limbs with nails, and cast lots for His robe.

But today men see Him through eyes He opened, and worship Him with hearts He won.

Never lived a king as this King lives! Nor ever lived a people more blessed than those whose lives He rules!

## 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.

Sunday . . . . . Matthew 21:1-14  
Monday . . . . . Zechariah 9:9, 10  
Tuesday . . . . . Mark 11:1-11  
Wednesday . . . . . Isaiah 52:7-10  
Thursday . . . . . Luke 19:29-38  
Friday . . . . . Revelation 21:1-7  
Saturday . . . . . Isaiah 53:1-6

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# Perquimans Church Services

**HERTFORD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
C. W. Duling, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Evening Worship, 8 o'clock.  
Mid-week Services, Wednesday at 8 P. M.

**BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Harold C. Turner, Pastor  
Church services first and third Sundays\* at 3:00 P. M.  
Christian Union, 7:30 P. M.

**BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. J. R. Byerly, Pastor  
Church services first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.  
Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.  
Church service 7:45 P. M. second and fourth Sundays.

**PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES**  
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, 7:00 P. M.  
Third Sunday  
Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.  
New Hope Church, 7:00 P. M.  
Fourth Sunday  
Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Woodland Church, 10 A. M.  
Winfall Church, 7:30 P. M.  
Fifth Sunday  
Woodland Church, 11:00 A. M.  
Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at Winfall Church at 7:30 P. M.

**WHITEVILLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. J. W. Davis, Supply Pastor  
Sunday School, 11 A. M. every Sunday except third Sunday.  
Church services every third Sunday at 3 P. M.

**UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH**  
Elizabeth White, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
Church Services, 11 A. M.  
Christian Endeavor, 6:30 P. M.

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. E. G. Willis, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10 A. M.  
Preaching first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.  
Preaching second and fourth Sunday evening at 7:30.

**PINEY WOODS FRIENDS MEETING**  
Bertha V. Smith White, Minister  
Bible School, 10 A. M.  
Meeting for worship, 11 A. M.

**WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
G. M. Singletary, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:30 A. M. on first and third Sundays and 2:00 P. M. on second and fourth Sundays.  
Church services, 3:00 P. M. on second and fourth Sundays.

**HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH**  
D. L. Fouts, Pastor  
Church School, 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Youth Fellowship, 6:45 P. M.  
Evening Worship, 7:30 P. M.  
Mid-week Fellowship, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

**BAGLEY SWAMP PILGRIM**  
Coy S. Saunders, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Young People's Meeting, 6:30 P. M.  
Evening Worship, 7:30 o'clock.  
Mid-week Services, Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

Be a Better Citizen!  
Go to Some Church  
Next Sunday

**CHAPPELL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
A. H. Outlaw, Pastor  
Sunday School, 2 P. M. every first Sunday.  
Church Service 3 P. M. every first Sunday.  
Sunday School at 11 A. M. every second, third and fourth Sunday.

**BEREA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Walker Perry, Pastor  
Bible School 10:30 A. M., except first Sunday, at 10 A. M.  
Morning worship on first Sunday at 11 A. M.  
Evening worship first Sunday at 7 P. M.

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**  
E. T. Jilson, Rector  
Holy Communion, 9:00 A. M.  
Every Sunday except first Sunday at 9:00 A. M.  
Church School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11:00 o'clock.  
Holy Communion first Sunday at 11 A. M.

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