

# CHURCH

## Sunday School lesson

**BROUGHT TO TRIAL**  
(John 18:33-37;  
19:6-11;14-16)

"Thou sayest that I am King. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I unto the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth." (John 18:37)

Jesus spoke these words to Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea, in answer to Pilate's question, "Art thou a king?" Jesus was on trial for His life. A few hours earlier He had been arrested in the garden and taken to an assembly of religious leaders for questioning.

A succession of false witnesses failed to produce any evidence by which they could condemn Him to death. But when, under direct questioning, He claimed to be the Messiah, the Jewish court pronounced Him guilty of blasphemy.

Although the Jewish court could sentence a person to death,

it could not carry out the execution. Only the Roman authorities could do that.

Luke's gospel tells us that the Jewish leaders took Jesus to Pilate and charged Him with political treason. Luke records the charge in Luke 23:2, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar and saying that He, Himself, is Christ, a King."

Mr. Knofel Staton, writing for the Standard Publishing Co., had this to say about the whole absurd affair, "In order to get rid of Jesus His enemies lied, blasphemed and murdered. Yet they would enter into their religious observance pretending that all was well between them and God. All is not well between us and God if all is not well between us and our fellowmen."

**INTERROGATION**  
(John 18:33-37)

When Jesus was arrested and

brought to trial, He knew that His time had come when He would go to the cross to pay for the sins of mankind, irrespective of what was said, or what happened, in the meantime.

While before Pilate; however, the questions and answers given are revealing. Let's look at one in particular.

Pilate asked Jesus if He was King of the Jews. Jesus replied, "My kingdom is not of this world." It is interesting to note that Jesus did not say that His kingdom "is not in this world" for it, of course, is.

The source of His kingdom on earth is in heaven. That was the purpose of His mission on earth — to establish, by teaching, the principles of the kingdom and to make available to all God's forgiveness and love. We marvel that so many refused it.

**CRUCIFY HIM, CRUCIFY HIM**  
(John 19:6-7)

These verse tell us that Pilate did not find any fault in Jesus' activity. He had not broken any Roman laws. But the Jews replied that they had a law which He had broken, "He made Himself the Son of God."

I read once that the atrocities that have been committed against mankind in God's name is staggering. How had the established religion of the day become so calloused that they did not accept the Messiah when He came; they had been expecting Him for centuries.

Christ had proven through His miracles that He possessed power that could only come from God. Only God's power could restore sight to the blind, make the infirmed walk, restore life to the dead, cast out demons, cure leprosy, etc. It gave people, both then and now, faith to live a peaceful life and hope for the resurrected life after death.

Believers don't comprehend well those who choose to shun the decision to accept and follow Christ. The people of Jesus' day, and the people of today, share a common reason for not accepting Christ as "The Lord." It is called rebelliousness. It is the insistence of individuals to place one's own will above the will of God.



**CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY**—Mrs. Ruth Sumner (right) was honored recently on the occasion of her 90th birthday. A group of friends hosted a breakfast in her honor at the Hertford Cafe. (Photo by Monica Roach)

## Church news

**BAY BRANCH A.M.E. ZION CHURCH**  
Baby Branch A.M.E. Zion Church Sunday School begins at 10:00 a.m. Superintendent, Mrs. Esther Hunter is in charge. Morning worship begins at 11:30 a.m. The Young Adult Choir will be singing. At 1:30 p.m. The Elizabeth City State University Choir will give a concert. The public is invited to attend.

**BLACK MINISTERS CONFERENCE**

The Black Albemarle Ministers Conference will hold its next meeting April 6, at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Hertford. All ministers are asked to be present.

**PERQUIMANS UNITED METHODIST CHARGE**

Services for the Perquimans United Methodist Charge will be held at 9:00 a.m. at Cedar Grove, 10:00 a.m. at Oak Grove, and 11:00 a.m. at Epworth. The Rev. David Goehring invites the public to attend.

**THE LIGHTHOUSE**  
It's springtime again! The puppets are back, to share what spring is all about! Saturday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lighthouse of 505 E. Church Street, Elizabeth City. Everyone is welcome.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
First Baptist Church School begins at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship begins at 11:00 a.m. The Rev. J.H. London Jr., pastor, will be preaching on the subject "Imprisoned by Things." The Senior Choir will be singing.

The Pastor's Aid Circles of First Baptist Church will celebrate their anniversary at 2:00 p.m. Sunday. The Bay Branch A.M.E. Zion Church Senior Choir will render music and the Rev. J.H. London will be preaching.

Everyone is invited to come worship together.  
**ROANOKE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
The Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association will hold its an-

## A Word From Mt. Sinai

Should I say something or not? If I say something I'm a meddler, if I don't say something things could get worse and I will always share the guilt.

Basically we are talking about criticism. For it to be an effective tool we must remember that it has a positive as well as a negative side. We are allowed to praise peoples good points and good works as well as point out negative aspects.

We can notice in our children that they accept negative criticism much more readily if we have cared enough to notice and praise with positive criticism. There are more "blessed are ye" in the Scripture than "woe unto you," that should be our example.

"Love...beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things." (1 Cor. 13:4-7)  
George Wilmore, Pastor  
Mt. Sinai Baptist Church

nal Baptist State Convention Worship for the association on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Leo Williams, Director of Christian Education, General Baptist State Convention, Raleigh, N.C. will be speaking.

Special music will be presented. All churches are asked to attend and make a report. Refreshments will be served.

**STEVE AND NEW BIRTH HARMONICS**

The Second Year anniversary of Steve and the New Birth Harmonics will begin Saturday night at 6:30 at ECSU Graduate Center.

The Rev. W.J. Taylor of Dayton, Ohio, formerly of St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church, Hertford, will be the speaker. Tickets are \$10.00, and may be purchased from Mrs. Estelle Felton, Mary Bryant, Vera Murrill and the Rev. London. All proceeds will go to a scholarship fund.

There will be a second gospel performance at the Ernest A. Swain School in Edenton on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Many of the area choirs will be performing.

**JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**  
The Martin County Auditorium was the scene of much activity

last weekend as a large crowd of Jehovah's Witnesses and friends met for a semi-annual circuit assembly. The gathering included delegates from ten mid and northeastern congregations.

Approximately 1,496 people were on hand Sunday to hear Mr. Denis Raftopoulos deliver the lecture "Basis for Faith in an Unbelieving World." He explained how the Bible offers a reliable source build one's faith.

During the weekend services ten individuals symbolized their faith in Jehovah through baptism. They now join more than two and one-half million others who spend their time witnessing and teaching others about God's purpose for the earth and mankind.

Meetings at the local kingdom halls will return to their regular schedules this week



Some people believed that if a girl planted marigolds in soil that contained the footprints of a man she loved, his love would grow and bloom with the marigold.



The family of Lenora Cavendish Crummev would like to express their sincere appreciation for the loving expressions of sympathy through cards, calls, flowers, food, visits, and prayers during this time of the loss of our loved one.  
May God bless each of you.  
Bill Crummev and Family

I want to thank all friends, relatives, neighbors, and churches for food, cards, flowers, telephone calls and many, many other things in my time of sorrow. I thank you for your prayers which have comforted me and may God bless each and every one of you.  
I love you all  
Myrtle Williams

Words seem inadequate when it comes to thanking my many friends for the flowers, visits, cards, gifts and prayers while I was in Norfolk General Hospital.  
May God bless each of you as He has blessed me.  
Becky W. Winslow

We would like to thank Dr. Robert E. Lane and the people of Perquimans County. We don't know all of you, yet you have helped us and Mary Elizabeth through the beginning. We also appreciate the support you have given our mother Annice Peckham and our Children whom we don't see much right now.  
Daniel and Barbara Cerveny

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  - a. Hygienically prepared to insure protection to personnel and the public. A deceased who has a contagious or infectious disease requires special care and treatment in excess of the regular preparation.
  - b. Embalming
  - c. Shampooing and shaving
  - d. Dressing and casketing
  - e. Applying cosmetics. Extra care is necessary with regard to bruises, cuts, abrasions and burns.
  - f. Hairdressing (professional hairdresser may be requested at additional charge)
3. Professional Personnel and Non-Professional Assistants
  - a. Assist in all above items
  - b. Arrange flowers for best appearance
  - c. Have door attendant during visitations
  - d. Assist in conducting the funeral service according to the family's wishes

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