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INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

First Quarter Lesson 12, March 24, 1901. JESUS CRUCIFIED AND BURIED—LUKE 23: 35-53.

GOLDEN TEXT—Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures.—1 Cor. 15: 3.

HISTORICAL SETTING. Time.—Friday April 7, A. D. 30. The crucifixion lasted from 9 A. M., to 3 P. M.

Place.—Calvary (G. Igotha), just outside the city of Jerusalem. Probably on the north, two hundred feet from the Damascus gate.

ON THE WAY TO THE CROSS.—Matt. 27: 31, 32; Luke 23: 26, 32. Between half-past eight and nine o'clock in the morning.

The distance from Castle Antonia to the hill which is probably the site of Calvary is about three quarters of a mile.

THE CRUCIFIXION.—On Calvary, about nine o'clock in the morning the hour of the usual morning sacrifice of the lamb, which was a type of Jesus, the Lamb of God, slain for the sins of his people.

Two robbers were crucified with him, one on either side, probably with the intention of giving the people an impression that Jesus was to be classed with them.

THE TITLE OVER THE CROSS (v. 38) According to custom a board was placed upon the cross stating the crime for which each one was crucified.

SCENES AROUND THE CROSS.—Vs. 34-35. Seven times Jesus spoke during the crucifixion; each time is commonly called a word.

THE FIRST WORD FROM THE CROSS. Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do (Luke 23: 34).

Probably spoken in the height of the agony, when the cross with the victim upon it was dropped with a sudden wrench into its place in the ground.

feeling of love toward his enemies, who were committing a crime which stands alone in all history.

Soon after the crucifixion, the soldiers who had charge took the garments of Jesus, the garments of executive criminals being the customary requisites of the guard;

MOCKERIES AND INSULTS.—From nine o'clock till toward noon. The people stood beholding. Calvary was near the public highway, and great multitudes were at Jerusalem to attend the Passover festival.

THE ROBBER'S CONVERSION.—Vs. 39-43. Toward noon and one of the malefactors. These whom the Romans called "robbers" were oftentimes wild and stormy zealous, maintaining in a hopeless posture against the yoke of Rome.

THE BURIAL.—Vs. 50-53. Between four and six o'clock in a garden near Calvary. A man named Joseph, a counsellor, a member of the Sanhedrim, who came to see Jesus by night.

PRECAUTIONS IN THE TOMB.—1. The tomb was a new one, in which no one had ever been buried, and so there could be no doubt as to the identity of the body of Christ.

THE DYING WORDS OF A BELOVED ONE. The dying words of a beloved one often reveal the inmost heart; so the seven words from the cross are most precious to every one who loves Jesus.

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