

CHAPTER 27

WHEN the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death:

2 And when they had bound him, they led *him* away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

3 ¶ Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What *is that* to us? see thou *to that*.

5 And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

7 And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.

8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.

9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;

10 And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

11. And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.

12 And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing.

13 Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee?

14 And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.

15 Now at *that* feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would.

16 And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.

17 Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ?

18 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him.

19 ¶ When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

21 The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas.

22 Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? *They* all say unto him, Let him be crucified.

23 And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

24 ¶ When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but *that* rather a tumult was made, he took

water, and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye *to it*.

25 Then answered all the people, and said, His blood *be* on us, and on our children.

26 ¶ Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered *him* to be crucified.

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band *of soldiers*.

28 And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe.

29 ¶ And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put *it* upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

30 And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

31 And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify *him*.

32 And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by

name: him they compelled to bear his cross.

33. And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull,

34 ¶ They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted *thereof*, he would not drink.

35 And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

36 And sitting down they watched him there;

37 And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

38 Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

39 ¶ And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,

40 And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest *it* in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking *him*, with the scribes and elders, said,

42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

44 The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

47 Some of them that stood there, when they heard *that*, said, This *man* calleth for Elias.

48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled *it* with vinegar, and put *it* on a reed, and gave him to drink.

49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.

50 ¶ Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the

top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

55 And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him:

56 Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children.

57. When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:

58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

60 And laid it in his own new

tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

61 And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

62 ¶ Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,

63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.

64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.

65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make *it* as sure as ye can.

66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

CHAPTER 28

IN the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

9 ¶ And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren

that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

11 ¶ Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.

12 And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers,

13 Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept.

14 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.

15 So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

16 ¶ Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 ¶ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have com-

manded you: and, lo, I am with you
always, *even* unto the end of the
world. Amen.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Chapters 26 and 27 record the account of Christ's capture, trial, and crucifixion. There are definitely two schools of thought concerning the day on which Christ died. Some Bible scholars say He died on the traditional Good Friday, and others say He died on Wednesday. This is not a point to be argued. The main point of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ is that He conquered death and the grave, and made the way possible for every person in the world to go to heaven. He bore the condition of sin for every man, and the only reason man stands condemned today is because he has not received Jesus Christ as His personal Saviour. John 3:18 gives us the cause of, and remedy for, condemnation.

Finally, in chapter 28:16-20, the Great Commission is given. Notice the order of that commission. The eleven disciples went to Galilee and saw Jesus. He gave them power, and then sent them into the world. In order for us to serve the Lord, we must first, by faith, see Jesus and accept Him as our personal Saviour. We then must receive power from His Holy Spirit to go and tell the entire world.

As Christians, we need to fulfill God's commandment and commission to us. There are so many today who are lost and seeking the truth, but cannot find the way. There are false teachers and preachers on every hand who are teaching false doctrine; but the true message of Christ still stands today, as it did when it was written in Matthew 28. Come see Him; receive His power; then go and tell. We must all be faithful to this task.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once" (Proverbs 28:18).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 32: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

COLUMBUS DAY.

There have been many speculations recently about who really discovered America. Whether it was the Norsemen and Leif Erickson, or Columbus, only

God knows. Columbus has been given the credit generally for discovering America.

Columbus first saw land at 2:00 A.M. When he got to the land he kissed the earth and prayed. Those two things speak volumes to American citizens—kissing the earth and praying. First, we ought to love our land. This has been and may God keep it "the land of the free and the home of the brave." Columbus kissed the land. I love America. I love my nation, my country; I love the valleys and the mountains, the plains, the deserts, and the shores.

Then Columbus prayed. He realized that only God could bless this newfound land. Dear friends, when we turn our backs upon God, we turn our backs upon our country, our hopes, and our dreams.

One time a little boy was drowning. A man heard the cry of "help" coming from the water. The man got out of his car, pulled off his coat, jumped into the water, and rescued the boy. He pulled the little boy to safety. The boy, who was of Mexican descent, looked at the man and said in broken English, "Thank you, thank you, sir; you have saved my life, thank you, sir."

The man looked at him and said abruptly, "Yes, I have saved your life; now you be sure your life is worth saving."

I wonder sometimes if we should not apply that to America. Yes, Columbus did discover America, and now let us as a nation be worthy of being discovered. May God help us on Columbus Day to thank God for America, to kiss the earth, and lift our hearts to Almighty God praying for God to bless America always and stem the tide toward sin, atheism, and socialism that is gripping our institutions and our nation today.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1854

Lincoln University founded.

1972

Forty-six black and white sailors injured in race riot on the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk of North Vietnam.

1946

Rita Frazier Normandeau, of New York City, born.

Hymn of the Week

“SOME GOLDEN DAYBREAK”

Carl Blackmore

The following story was received through the mail from Mrs. Carl Blackmore, the wife of the man who wrote the musical setting.

Carl Blackmore passed away in December of 1965 in St. Petersburg, Florida. He was then connected with the St. Petersburg School of Music. The following is the story behind “Some Golden Daybreak,” just as she wrote it.

“While preaching on the subject of the ‘Rapture’—the glorious hope of the Christians—over the radio some years ago, the Rev. C.A. Blackmore was outlining some of the wonderful things that would happen to the Christians. Their deformities and pains will vanish as they leave this old body of clay and instantaneously take on a glorified spiritual body.

“A lady who had been bed-ridden for twenty-three years heard the message—it seemed too good to be true. She wrote to Rev. Blackmore inquiring: ‘Will I really be well? Will all pain and sorrow actually be gone?’ Rev. Blackmore replied: ‘Yes, my friend, some glorious day, when Jesus comes, you will leap from that bed with all the vigor of a youth, and never know pain again. Little cripples will be made perfect, no more crying, no more heartaches,—and all will be peace.’

“His son, Carl, who had already become widely known for his musical achievements, was greatly impressed with the reality of the event, and as he pondered the glorious prospects, the words and melody of the chorus took form in his mind. Simultaneously, a melody for some verses was inspired, and so he said to his father: ‘Dad, you should write some verses for this chorus.’ They agreed to ask the Lord to give the inspiration and guidance. After much prayer and meditation—early one morning, unable to sleep as he anticipated the thrill of the ‘Rapture,’ Rev. Blackmore got up and wrote the verses as they are today.

“As the song has become known it has grown in popularity until today it is used by all the leading publishers of gospel songs in America and abroad.” It has been recorded on a stereophonic recording by one of the nation’s outstanding orchestra conductors.

*Some glorious morning sorrow will cease;
Some glorious morning all will be peace.
Heartaches all ended, school days all done,
Heaven will open, Jesus will come.*

Chorus:

*Some golden daybreak Jesus will come;
Some golden daybreak battles all won;
He’ll shout the vic’try, break through the blue;
Some golden daybreak, for me, for you.*

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION:

DIVINE INSPIRATION EVIDENT BY THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

(Assignment 32)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see "The Treasure Path to Soul Winning" link back on the DailyKJV page.)

Power to convict of sin.

() Acts 2:37

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Power to produce faith.

() Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Power to make wise.

() Psalms 19:7

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

Power to produce joy.

() Jeremiah 15:16

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts.

Power to produce peace in the human heart.

() Psalms 85:8

I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.