

CHAPTER 15

AND straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried *him* away, and delivered *him* to Pilate.

2 And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering said unto him, Thou sayest *it*.

3 And the chief priests accused him of many things: but he answered nothing.

4 And Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witness against thee.

5 But Jesus yet answered nothing; so that Pilate marvelled.

6 Now at *that* feast he released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired.

7 And there was *one* named Barabbas, *which lay* bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection.

8 And the multitude crying

aloud began to desire *him to do* as he had ever done unto them.

9 But Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews?

10 For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy.

11 But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them.

12 And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do *unto him* whom ye call the King of the Jews?

13 And they cried out again, Crucify him.

14 Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him.

15 ¶ And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged *him*, to be crucified.

16 And the soldiers led him away into the hall, called Praetorium; and they call together the whole band.

17 And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his *head*,

18 And began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews!

19 And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing *their* knees worshipped him.

20 And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him.

21 And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian, who passed by, coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross.

22. And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull.

23 And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received *it* not.

24 And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.

25 And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

26 And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

27 And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.

28 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.

29 And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest *it* in three days,

30 Save thyself, and come down from the cross.

31 Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save.

32 Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him.

33. And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard *it*, said, Behold, he calleth Elias.

36 And one ran and filled a

sponge full of vinegar, and put *it* on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down.

37 And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

38 And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

39 ¶ And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

40 There were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses, and Salome;

41 (Who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered unto him;) and many other women which came up with him unto Jerusalem.

42 ¶ And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath,

43 Joseph of Arimathaea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.

44 And Pilate marvelled if he

were already dead: and calling *unto him* the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead.

45 And when he knew *it* of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.

46 And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre.

47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary *the mother* of Joses beheld where he was laid.

CHAPTER 16

AND when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary *the mother* of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

2 And very early in the morning the first *day* of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

3 And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

4 And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

5 And entering into the sepul-

chre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.

6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

7 But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.

8 And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any *man*; for they were afraid.

9 ¶ Now when *Jesus* was risen early the first *day* of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

10 *And* she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.

11 And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.

12 ¶ After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.

13 And they went and told *it*

unto the residue: neither believed they them.

14 ¶ Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

19 ¶ So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Chapter 15 begins with Jesus being sent before Pilate. The story is a familiar one. The people preferred Barnabas being released, rather than Jesus. One week before they had welcomed Jesus into the city with palm branches and loud hosannas, but now they cried, “Crucify Him!”

In verses 16-23 Jesus is led away. A crown of thorns was placed upon His brow. He was mocked, spit upon, and beaten beyond recognition. Why did He allow this? Because He loved a lost and dying, sinful, hell-deserving world. Jesus Christ, Son of God, God’s only Son, suffered as no man has suffered—the just for the unjust. He made the way for this sin-laden world to be forgiven. He is the only way to forgiveness of sin. He said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” A little saying that I may have told you before is appropriate here: “Life is short, death is certain; sin is the cause, Christ is the cure.” Christ is the cure for all sin to all men who will simply believe.

Jesus tells His disciples what they are to do in chapter 16:15. He commands us to “go.” He tells us where— “into all the world.” He tells us what we are to do— “preach the gospel.” We have many preachers today who are involved in everything except preaching the Gospel. What is the Gospel? It is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 15). Jesus also tells us to whom we should preach this Gospel— “to every creature.” We need to see this lost world with a burdened heart. It is my prayer that God will give us the grace to do what we should do, for His honor and glory.

Chapter 16 tells us we serve a risen Saviour. Though chapter 15 recorded the saddest day in history, chapter 16 tells us that Jesus did not remain dead—He arose! His resurrection made the hope of eternal life with Him possible for everyone!

Yes, He lives! Christ lives today! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

“The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall” (Proverbs 10:8).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 33: For today’s memory verses, follow instructions on page 7.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1918

THE GERMANS ACCEPTED WOODROW WIL-

SON’S PEACE TERMS ENDING WORLD WAR I.

Many people alive today have lived through one world war and some have lived through two world wars. World War I, which ended in 1918, was the war to end all wars. The League of Nations followed and it failed. Then World War II many thought certainly would be the war to end all other wars. When the peace treaty was signed many thought certainly that peace would come, but we have been reminded over and over again of the words of Christ when He said that until the end there shall be wars and rumors of wars. Even today there is the Middle East, Nicaragua, Northern Ireland, Viet Nam, Libya, Cuba, India, Pakistan, Red China. There are problems and wars and rumors of wars around the world.

Thank God there will come a day when war shall cease. There will come a day when men shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Weapons of war shall be turned into weapons of peace, and weapons of destruction shall become weapons of construction and help to mankind. There will be peace.

That peace will be brought only when Jesus comes, for He is the Prince of Peace. He is the One who will usher in peace. One day, the Bible says, Jesus Christ shall come back to earth Himself riding on a white horse with all the hosts of Heaven with Him. He shall place His feet upon the Mount of Olives. He shall put down the Man of Sin. “Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does its successive journeys run; His kingdom spread from shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.” Jesus will rule the earth! Until that time we can have peace in our heart by faith in Him; we can lean heavily upon Him and cast our cares upon Him; and we can have the peace that passeth understanding in our souls, for Jesus alone can bring peace. Let us pray today, “Even so, come, Lord Jesus” and “Thy kingdom come.” Let us pray for Jesus to hasten His coming. Then peace shall cover the world, and Jesus shall be the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He shall reign over the entire world as King of the earth from Jerusalem. Let us pray that prayer today.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1898

North Carolina Mutual and Provident Insurance Company founded by John Merrick and associates in Durham, North Carolina.

A Christian Life . . .

SAMUEL PORTER JONES (1847-1906)

American evangelist. Sam Jones was born at Oak Bowery, Alabama, and reared at Cartersville, Georgia. He studied to be a lawyer, but drinking and gambling soon brought him to the brink of ruin. At his father's deathbed, he fell on his knees and repented of his sin and trusted Christ. He preached his first sermon one week later and was licensed to preach in the Methodist Church after only three months.

He served several pastorates but gained fame as a lecturer and evangelist. Soon he was conducting campaigns in some of America's largest cities. Wherever he preached, liquor stores closed, theaters and jails emptied, and cursing was reduced to whispers. His life was threatened on several occasions. But these did not deter his strong preaching. He died en route to an evangelistic meeting in Oklahoma. Much of the wit of Will Rogers is traceable to Sam Jones. Well over 500,000 people were converted to Christ as a result of his ministry.



Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION:

THINGS RECEIVED IN ANSWERED PRAYER FROM PROMISES IN THE SCRIPTURES

(Assignment 33)

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.)

Salvation promised.

() Jeremiah 29:13

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Great things promised.

() Jeremiah 33:3

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Anything promised.

() Matthew 18:19

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

All things promised.

() Matthew 21:22

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Good things promised.

() Luke 11:13

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?