SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON XII
JESUS CONDEMNED AND CRUCIFIED
Luke 22 : 39—23 : 56.
PRNTED TEXT, Luke 23 : 13-25, 32-34a.

GOLDEN TEXT—What then shall I do unto Jesus who is called Christ? Matt. 27 : 22.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time—The prayer in the garden, the betrayal by Judas, and the denials of Peter, all took place on Thursday evening, April 6, A.D. 30; all the remaining events in the lesson occurred on the day following, Friday, April 7th.

Place.—The garden in which He was betrayed by Judas was at the foot of the Mount of Olives, opposite to and East of the City of Jerusalem. The trial before the Sanhedrin, no doubt, too' place in the Palace of Caiaphas. The place where the trials of our Lord before Pilate and Herod took place is difficult to determine. All of them may have occurred in the Palace of Herod the Great, then occupied by Pilate, or in the Fortress Antonia, or in a palace near it. The palace at Jerusalem was situated on the North side of Mount Zion. The place of the Crucifixion of our Lord has never been exactly identified. We do not believe that it was on the spot where the Church of the Holy Sepulchre now stands. At least, it was outside of the city wall, and probably North of the city wall. We always speak of Calvary as a hill, but of this there is no evidence in the Scriptures, though it may have been a hill.

The charges against Jesus varied from hour to hour. The Jews began by saying that Christ claimed to be a king. Then they declared Jesus had stirred up the people, even as far as Galilee. (Jesus was already condemned to death by the Sanhedrin, but it was necessary to have him condemned also by the Roman procurator, in order that the sentence might be executed, and without delay, by him who had the power of death).

Second Time Before Pilate

Mark 23 : 13. "And Pilate called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, 14. and said unto them, Ye brought unto me this man, as one that perverteth the people: and behold, I, having examined him before you, found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him: 15. no, nor yet Herod: for he sent him back to us; and behold, nothing worthy of death hath been done by him. 16. I will therefore chastise him, and release him." Certainly Pilate was convinced of Jesus' innocence. If Pilate had not been such a coward, so afraid of his position, afraid of Caesar, and afraid of the mob, Jesus would not have been condemned, at least by him.

"Crucify Him, Crucify Him!"

18. "But they cried out all together saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas: 19. one who for a certain insurrection made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison. 20. And Pilate spake unto them again, desiring to release Jesus. But they shouted, Crucify, crucify him. 22. And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath this man done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him and release him. 23. But they were urgent with loud voices, asking that he might be crucified. And their voices prevailed." Three times Pilate expostulate with the Jews, attempting to appease them by declaring the innocence of Jesus. It being utterly impossible to satisfy this mob, one of two things had to take place: either Pilate must stand his ground as an officer of Rome, and set Jesus free, no matter what happened, or he must betray his office, and give Jesus over to the mob. He did the latter. It was the voice of justice that should have prevailed, but Pilate softened by an undisciplined life appeared to be incapable of rising up in a noble way to defend an innocent man against a howling mob. 24. "And Pilate gave sentence that what they asked for should be done. 25. And he released unto them him that for insurrection and murder had been cast into prison, whom they asked for; but Jesus he delivered up to their will." Pilate's judgment was for time. The coming judgment of Christ will be for eternity.

The Crucifixion

33. "And when they came unto the place which is called The skull, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the left." (Notice how extremely brief the record of the crucifixion itself is). 34a. "And Jesus said, Father forgive them; for they know not what they do." There are seven different utterances spoken by our Lord while on the cross, recorded in the four Gospels. This one is the perfect fulfillment of Christ's own command that we should love our enemies, and pray for those who despitefully use us.

British Take Norwegian Prisoners After Daring Raid

A grim version of Blind Man's Buff is reluctantly played by some of the 225 German and Quislingist Norwegian prisoners, above, taken in the surprise British raid on the Lofoten Islands, off the coast of northern Norway. To prevent their seeing anything of military importance, captured men were led blindfolded aboard British ships, which made off safely.

Man Has 2 Hearts; Dies As One Fails

An autopsy of the body of John S. Frick, 78, who died in Medford, Ore., last week, revealed the man had two normal hearts, one above the other, county physician Dr. A. E. Merkel reported.

Dr. Merkel said the two hearts were joined by the large aorta artery, and both had functioned. The ventricle of the lower heart had ruptured, causing death.

Officers of the Jackson County Medical Society said they knew of no other case of a man possessing two hearts.

Isle of Cats

One of the queerest and most desolate spots in the world is Frigate, a low corral island 300 miles north-east of Mauritius, in the Indian Ocean. It is inhabited solely by cats, the descendants of two shipwrecked there some eighty years ago. They are large and fierce, and exist mainly on fish, which they catch in the most ingenious manner. They form a circle on a dry reef reaching to the water's edge, and at low tide close in, driving the fish into shallow pools and channels. Then they pick them out and tear them with razorlike claws. In fine weather there is no danger of their starving, for a single drive may yield a ton of fish. During violent hurricanes, when fishing is impossible, the cats fall upon each other, but in spite of their ferocity, they seldom attack shipwrecked seamen.

RADIO REPORTER

By DAVE ROBBINS

FOR GARDENERS

This week we have good news from everyone who plants seeds in the soil—Dick, the Amateur Gardener, is back on the air from CKOC on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5.30 p.m. (daylight). Dick is following the same theme with tips on planting, and advice on how to get the most for what you plant. Dick Gunnell was the chap who put over Hamilton's Community gardens project in a big way during the depression years—and he knows what he is talking about in the seed, shrub, plant and vegetable line.

So whether you farm, raise a truck garden or just putter with a few flower beds, you will find it worth while to tune in Dick, when he takes the air at 1120 on your dial.

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AROUND THE DIAL

One of the best shows on the air on Monday nights is heard in this part of Ontario from CFRB, when the Radio Theatre is presented.

Stars of the stage and screen are heard in scenes from the hits of the day—making altogether one of the most enjoyable 60 minutes dramatic interludes offered radio listeners at any time.

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Plantation Party, NBC show featured by WBEN on Wednesday nights at 8.30 (standard) is a velvety bit of the old South and has a dignity and smoothness that lifts the show above the run of the mill.

Tune in sometime and hear Whitey Ford and all the plantation folks!

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On Saturday, March 22, at 2.15 p.m., the CBC will present a program of special interest to those with relatives or friends serving overseas. This will bring greetings from the members of a Canadian Unit, and from patients and the staff in one of the military hospitals.

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The Uncle Ezra character, the NBC red network favorite, owes its creation to the fact that Pat Barrett was "grandpa's boy," and spent long afternoons with his grandparents on the Post Office steps of Holden, Missouri. Much of the homely philosophy used by Uncle Ezra from the "Rosedale Station," are thoughts left in the lad's mind years ago by grandpappy.

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Fred Allen, Rajah of Repartee, lost none of his scintillating wit in switching networks. His Wednesday night show heard at 10.00 o'clock daylight time, is still one of the best comic shows on the airlanes.

Ontario Artists' 1941 Exhibition

O.S.A. 69th Annual Show Is On View at Art Gallery of Toronto During Month of March

The sixty-ninth annual exhibition of the Ontario Society of Artists is on view during the month of March at the Art Gallery of Toronto. Pictures hung in the 1941 show have been done by professional painters, by business men whose spare-time hobby is painting, by art students who are making their first bow to the public. These exhibitions are never confined to society members; in fact usually the number of non-members exceeds members in the exhibition. This healthy encouragement of the amateur in art is a valuable contribution to the artistic life of Canada and is the policy of the O. S. A. now as it was sixty-nine years ago. So in this lively show are included pictures by newspapermen, by graduate students of the Ontario College of Art, by a well-known Toronto judge, and by contributors from Vancouver to Montreal. War-time has not brought a slackening of interest, Mr. Carmichael says, but practically the same number of entries were considered this year as usual. Some artists show destroyers convoying, route marches, and pictures of industrial life; there is a decided tendency to deal with the local scene as well as the usual high quality of landscapes and portraiture.

PICTURES UPSTAIRS, TOO

Upstairs in the Gallery this month are showing paintings by Frank Hennessey of Ottawa, Franklin Arbuckle, Leonard Brooks and Manly MacDonald of Toronto. On Saturday afternoons there will be talks on the pictures, with the artists present on these occasions.

Gardening . . .

ARTICLE NO. 3

It is not the amount of labor spent that is the key to good gardening but rather the timing of the necessary work. There is nothing to be gained, for instance, and much may be lost, in working soil too early. It is far better to have the garden dug once and at the right time than to rush in and waste days messing around in the mud.

Hints

Nursery stock is the general name given to hardy perennial shrubs, flowers, vines, trees and roses that are grown for one to three years from seed in a nursery before being sold to gardeners and fruit growers.

Like seed, it is important to secure such stock from a reputable source and one that is familiar and caters to Canadian conditions. Good stock is pliable, green and shows plenty of live buds. Roots are moist and well wrapped to exclude the air.

Nursery stock should be planted as soon as the soil is fit to work and if purchased before this time, or if inconvenient to plant in permanent positions, roots should be temporarily covered with moist earth or plants should be stored in a cool, dark cellar and roots kept moist.

First Vegetables

Among the earliest vegetables to be sown in Canadian gardens will be peas, leaf lettuce, radish and spinach. These may be planted as soon as the ground is fit to work. All of the seeds should be sown at least three times, at intervals of ten days, so that there will be a succession of vegetables. The second sowing will be carrots, beets, onions, potatoes, etc., which can stand a little frost, and then beans, corn and tomatoes, cabbage and cauliflower plants, melons, cucumbers, etc., which are tender.

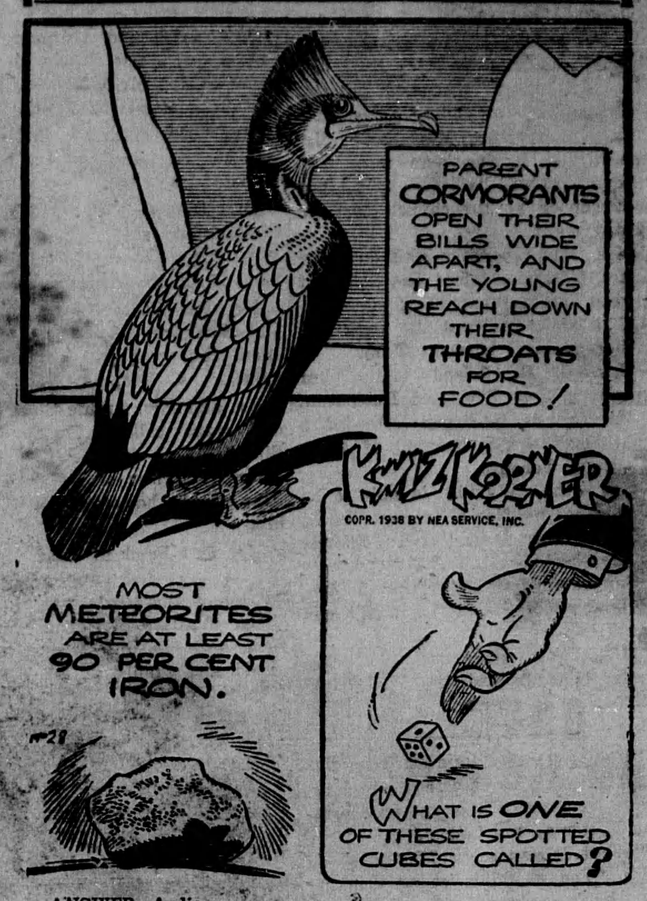
Greeks Made Haggis

Scotsmen, whose most festive dish is the haggis, may, or may not, like to be reminded that it is of Greek origin. Though Burns wrote of it as the "great chieftain o' the puddin' race," Aristophanes forestalled him in 423 B.C., with an allusion to the same dish in "The Clouds." The Greeks called it "koila probateia," but, from the description of the dish, it was haggis just the same.

Henry IV introduced the dish into the French court under the name "hachis." It became popular among the French troops, whose battalion cooks used to carry it into battle. The English took it shortly afterwards, and it was not until the eighteenth century that it came to be considered peculiarly a Scottish dish.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



ANSWER. A die.

One of the best tests of determining a meteoric stone is by its weight. Since it is made up largely of iron, its heft is vastly greater than that of a terrestrial rock, and easily noticed.

NEXT: How was the planet Neptune discovered?

CABINET OFFICIAL

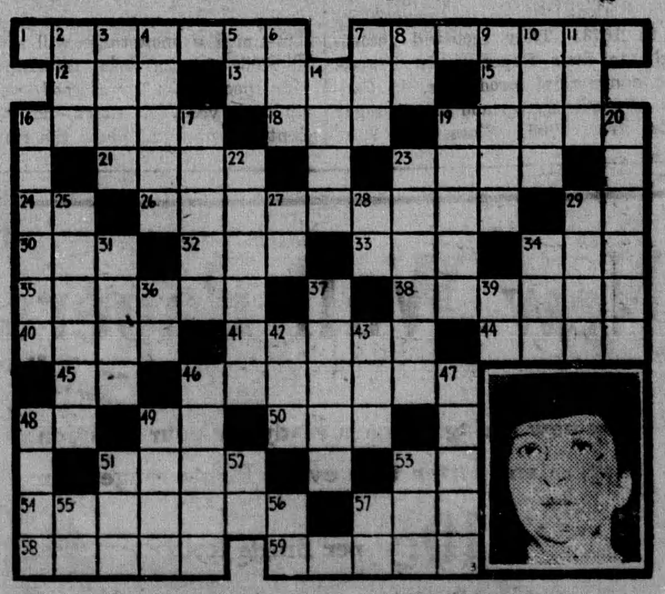
HORIZONTAL

1, 7 Picture U. S. A. cabinet official.
12 Fury.
13 Egret.
15 One in cards.
16 Scottish court official.
18 Lowbred person.
19 Squints.
21 Entrance.
23 The crappie (fish).
24 Mountain (abbr.).
26 Young person.
29 South Carolina.
30 Feather scarf.
32 An essay.
33 Sooner than.
34 Portuguese money.
35 An indirect tax.
38 Buildings forming a square.
40 Skin.
41 Was mistaken.
44 To relate.
45 Compass point.
46 A soft-soled shoe.
48 Pronoun.
49 Preposition of place.
50 Ascot.
51 Pleased.
53 Postscript.
54 Exaltation.
57 Three.
58 Her title, Secretary of ——.
59 A labor organization.

VERTICAL

2 Long inlet.
3 Eucharist chest.
4 Poverty-stricken.
5 Sound of injury.
6 Dry.
7 Seed bag.
8 Printer's measure.
9 Small deer.
10 Frosted.
11 Modern.
14 Tolled.
16 She is the first woman —— of the U. S. A. cabinet.
17 Disturbances of peace.
19 Luster.
20 She is especially interested in —— reforms.
22 Soup dish.
23 Long step.
25 Poisonous ptomaine.
27 New York (abbr.).
28 Southeast.
29 To barter.
31 Skin infection.
34 To suffer remorse.
36 Idant.
37 Characteristic.
39 Street.
42 To soak flax.
43 To piece out.
46 Step of a series.
47 Amber-colored resin.
48 Back of foot.
49 Singer's voice.
51 To gossip.
52 To suffice.
53 Professional athlete.
55 Musical note.
56 Chaos.
57 Palm lily.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



POP—The Natives Struggled

By J. MILLAR WATT