

Lesson XI. June 10, 1917.
Jesus Crucified.—John 19: 16-30.

the walls of Jerusalem (Heb. 13: 12). The traditional site, the place where stands the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, is within the walls, and does not well answer the description given in the scriptures. At the north of the walls is a hill which bears a striking resemblance to a human skull. This is believed by many to be Golgotha. There is here a garden on which was possibly the place in which Jesus was laid. The top of the hill is now used as a Mohammedan burial place. 18. They crucified him—Jesus was fastened to the cross by spikes driven through his hands and his feet into the wood. The cross was then raised and let down into the hole made to receive it. The pain borne by this victim was excruciating and death did not usually take place until the first, second or third day. To Jesus was offered a sop of wine, which he refused, saying, "I thirst." It was prepared by thoughtful women to relieve the sufferings of those crucified, but he would not take it, wishing to have his senses fully alert during the awful ordeal. Two other with him—These were bandits who were being justly executed. Jesus in the midst of his mockery Jesus was placed in the position of honor. Those who were engaged in putting Jesus to death the Jews were also guilty and unjust. The sentence of death against him, and the Roman officials and soldiers who were brought into the case were not fully aware of what they were doing. This was the basis of the prayer of Jesus for them while he was on the cross. While this is true those who crucified him were not excusable for attempting to heap ridicule upon him. It was in the power of any man to detract from the dignity of Jesus. But our Christ even those who had him, for the time, in the power.

25. There stood by the cross
 There were many present at the crucifixion to "raff" on
 29), but there was one present who had loving regard for Him. The three Marys are mentioned by name as there were other women present (Matt. 27: 55). 26. When Jesus then foresaw—He was conscious; and the midst of His sufferings; He was solicitous for His mother. The disciple... whom... loved—John, who modestly refrained from mentioning his own name. Woman, behold... It is probable that Joseph was dead and Mary was a widow. John arranged for a new and tender relation between His mother and John so that she might be well cared for. John was at the cross and received the high honor of being the mother of the church. His responsibility was placed on John, but not a burden. "John's devotion to his dying Lord," alone the disciples exposed to the perils of the cross,—is thus abundantly recompensed. As John's was the greatest of the largest earthly requital.—A great personal love was shed—The Lord Jesus giving up his life (vs. 30).
 30. knowing that all things were now accomplished—The entire course of events leading up to the final of laying down his life was finished and the scriptures were fulfilled. As I thirst—The burning thirst of one who are being crucified is indescribable. In his human nature Jesus felt all the pain incident to such death—there was a vessel full of vinegar—This was probably the sour contained in a large jar for the use of the soldiers while they were on file—a sponge with vinegar—saturated with vinegar, fastened to a stalk of hyssop reached up to Jesus' mouth that might quench his thirst. 30.

Questions.—Where was Christ crucified? Who carried his cross to the place of execution? At what hour was Christ crucified? What sayings of Christ on the cross does John record? What were his other sayings? What classes of persons were present at the cross? What inscription was placed over Jesus? Why was it written in different languages? What took place in the temple when Christ gave up his life?

Topic.—Finished work.

II. Christ's atoning work was provided for the spiritual needs of the moral needs of His stricken mother. He kept death at bay until he performed the last duty of love pertaining to this life. Death was to claim all earthly relationships. He knew and acknowledged that He was bearing the burden of a world's sin and sorrow, yet that was room in His sacred heart for affectionate thoughts for His beloved mother. He gave her His last words of blessing and bequeathed to her the best earthly legacy. While He gave a son to His mother, He gave a mother to His beloved disciple. It was an evidence of His loving confidence in John. None could be nearer to Mother Jesus' most intimate and trusted friend. There was a pathetic glow and beauty in the situation. In the work Jesus recommended the two to each other. By His Spirit and provided for. Jesus had prepared both for the relationship. When Jesus had "shed the cross, despising the shame," His offering of filial obedience was rejection and consecration. He was readied to present the Father, by revealing His mind. He had come into the world to save man. He had drained "cup" to its bitter dregs. Reconsecration, not merely legal, but moral, was for Israel only, but for all mankind. He was the work of the divine mediator. There was the atonement made, the fountain opened, the work of redemption finished. In sacrifice Jesus met man's deepest need as a transgressor. He satisfied the law's demand in God's government. He fulfilled the ancient prophecy concerning Himself. The work of His obedience, the reality of His humiliation, the reality of His atoning work and the certainty of His Messiahship were forever established. All that God required as an expiation for sin was met in the sacrifice of Jesus and His self upon Calvary. He had looked during the whole of His ministry to that solemn hour when

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and Every man who enlists hopes pushed to the front.

Birds Destroy Insects Which Annually Cause \$180,000,000 Loss in Canada.

Those who have made a study of bird life are able to tell us most astonishing stories of their value in destroying insects, mice, etc. The rapidity of increase among insects of most kinds is appalling when one stops to think of it. One of our Canadian Entomologists has computed that one single pair of Colorado potato beetles, if left to multiply un-



Not only are insects prodigious feeders, but they are most prodigious feeders. I think of a small larva or worm which can consume within twenty-four hours two hundred times its own original weight in food. And the worst of it is that this food is our own good crops—bages, roots, apples, grain, or anything they may conceive a liking for, and which we have planted and cared for at a cost of twenty-five to one hundred dollars an acre.

bird very often has a predator (usually a hawk or owl) circling the freedom of its flight. The freedom of our birds by gunfire, traps, snares or laws permitting their wanton destruction we disturb this equilibrium which nature shows, and increase the suffering of ourselves through the injury to ourselves.

Experiences in Hungary, Russia, United States, and in fact over the world, have confirmed the fact that birds are a great friend and powerful ally of the agriculturist in waging war against injurious pests. Taken alone, the annual loss to the country by the destruction of forests and crops caused by injurious insects is estimated at \$180,000,000, most of which is due to the scarcity of birds. The United States and the United Kingdom suffer the loss to the agricultural interests of the country through insect pests was placed at over \$700,000,000 a year ago.



A LIFTING HOPE.

There is no prison of the mind,
There's no death when the spirit
drawn;
Prisoner or prince, dream on and
Your darkest hour before the dawn.
Henry Leverage, in the Star-Bulletin

TRUST IN THE LORD.

\$ was brought low, and he h
me—Blessed be the Lord, becau
has heard the voice of my sup
tions. The Lord is my strength
my shield; my heart trusted in
and I am helped ; therefore my
greatly rejoice; and with my
will I praise him.

It is better to trust in the Lord

A word of commendation should be spoken for the robin. There can be no doubt that this bird, whose cheerful song we listen for in spring time, does its considerable amount of fruit in orchard and garden but if we weigh the evidence carefully we will find that what fruit and other produce is eaten, is paid for during the season. The robin is particularly helpful during the early part of the season, when it feeds itself and young almost entirely on cut worms and the larvae of the June beetle. These are very dangerous pests and the "waka-puka" as it is called is very destructive to growing plants of many kinds, cutting them off at the surface and causing their death.

Ontario. The meadowlark is another of our feathered co-workers which is fast disappearing. The fences in spring time used to abound with them, while now we can only see an occasional one. The meadowlark comes to us in March and leaves in November, and during all these months it feeds on insects entirely, never touching grain.

The Baltimore oriole is a bird generally considered as an ornament rather than a useful citizen. This feathered songster feeds almost entirely on pest-eating insects in trees, and consequently is of greater value to the fruit grower than to the grain farmer.

In truth, there are scores of birds



to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.—Happy is that hath the God of Jacob for help, whose hope is in the Lord God.—He led them forth by the way, that they might go to a city of habitation.—There failed not ought.

IMMORTALITY.

The soul revels in immortality, looks forward, but it looks back and feels itself old, as if it never was a ship launch on the sea of life. Is it really old? It came from beyond the unlit bound; was a sphere of dew unshaping itself to entrance of time. Was it a being

a prehistoric beach whose sands
 never trod by human feet, was
 when Time was young, did the
 part in the chorus when the mo-
 stars sang together, and the so-
 God shouted aloud for joy?
 "The Old Soul came from far
 And, all lives having known,
 She nowhere touched a bar,
 But all was as her own;
 And this could none forget,
 Who once her look had met!"

I uncover my head before Christ's
supremacy, I gather from him fresh
fuel to feed the fires of immortality.
Silent indeed seem the heavens,
that silence is eloquent with glory.
God will not be made vain in vain,
using the vision of heaven as a per-
petual sweetmeat. He will not fright-
en man out of vice by the vision of
the rod of a painful schoolmaster.
But this silence in the interest of the
preservation of character, taken
in connection with a thousand hints
and suggestions of the frequent with-
drawal regarding the immortal life
by a thousand whisperings nature in-
imates immortality for man. Jesus
Christ, dying, spoke in full, round
tones, bringing life and immortality
to light. Like a great bell of immor-
tality, he spoke in full, round

ROVER.

The Story of an Exceptional
Sheep Dog.

The farmer looked up from his
work and eyed his dog intently.

Wing, I'll tell you. I had been working on the threshing machine, and the machinery had just stopped. I was getting down when I slipped, and before I knew what had happened I was entangled in the machinery. The machine was a good way from the house, and my farm hands had gone to the other side of the farm, so I was fairly isolated. Without a

"My wife, wondering what was the matter, came to look at him. When she caught hold of her skirt and dragged her to the machine. When she saw me she touched some 'hands' and 'I' me got out. I was not very serious hurt, but I remember when I was

Well, one morning the butcher drove up in his cart and had a short talk with me before we turned the sled. When we started for the field, which was about a quarter of a mile away, I began talking and while he whistled I kept on answering him.

"We passed along the road to the field, and when we were still a good distance away, the butcher said:

the exact spot they had to go." One other anecdote he told me. "On market days," he said, "we used to go into auction after the I was not there that week." T was a townman in the saloon "for up" his day to the farmers. But anyone, "come, buy my dog is best in Derbyshire," "don't" said

A Strong Will.

"Rastus," said the judge, "you that you entered the henhouse then, deciding to Rastus tempt left it, is that right?"

"Dat's about it, judge."

"Well, now about the two hens were missing?"

been used as a bridge and the most as an aqueduct. It rises about 100 feet above the level of the river. The Pont du Gard, as it is called, is said to have been built under the supervision of Agrippa, the Roman general.

FARMERS' MARKET.
Dairy Produce—

MEATS—WHOLESALE.	
Beef, forequarters, cwt.	\$15 00
Do, hindquarters	19 00
Carcasses, choice	17 50
Do, common	13 00
Veals, common, cwt.	12 50
Do, medium	19 00
Do, prime	16 50
Heavy hogs	22 00
Shoat hogs	22 00
Butter hogs	19 00
Mutton, heavy	17 00
Do, light	9 25
Lambs, lb.	19 00
Do, Spring, each	

effect after May 18—	100 lbs
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OTHER MARKETS				
WINNIPEG GRAIN EXCHANGE				
	Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.
Oct.	1 91	1 93	1 91	
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May	0 69 1/2	0 70 1/2	0 69 1/2	
July	0 65 1/2	0 67	0 65 1/2	
Oct.	0 58 1/2	0 57	0 58 1/2	
Flax—				
May	2 39	2 39	2 38 1/2	
July	2 38	2 38	2 38	

MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN MARKET	
Minneapolis—Wheat—July	1 17
September	1 18 1/2
cash, No. 1 hard, No. 2	

to 60 1-2c. Flour unchanged.
\$20.00 to \$30.00.

BUFFALO LIVE STOCK

Past Buffalo Report.—Cattle.—
light, slow, and steady.
Veals, rice pits and quality act-
cents higher, \$1.25 to \$1.40.
Hogs, steady, \$10.00 to \$11.00.
Pigs, \$16.25 to \$18.75.
Yorks, \$10.00 to \$11.00.
450, plus \$4.00 to \$5.00.
\$1.50; steady, \$1.25 to \$1.40.
Sheep and lambs, \$1.00 to \$1.25.
5 cents higher, other goods
to \$1.00, other goods, etc.

MONTREAL MARKET

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Mothers.

How times have changed!
they sit
Beside the hearth and gaily
Nor with deft fingers mix
The "pie" that mother
make,"
Nor any shawl or cap permit
But now from golf to dance!

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How times have changed

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Parades they lead with gle
And use their nimble, scathin
On boards, whose mere m
bers quake
At their demands "for
sake!"

They're not afraid of men a
How times have change
—Charlotte

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