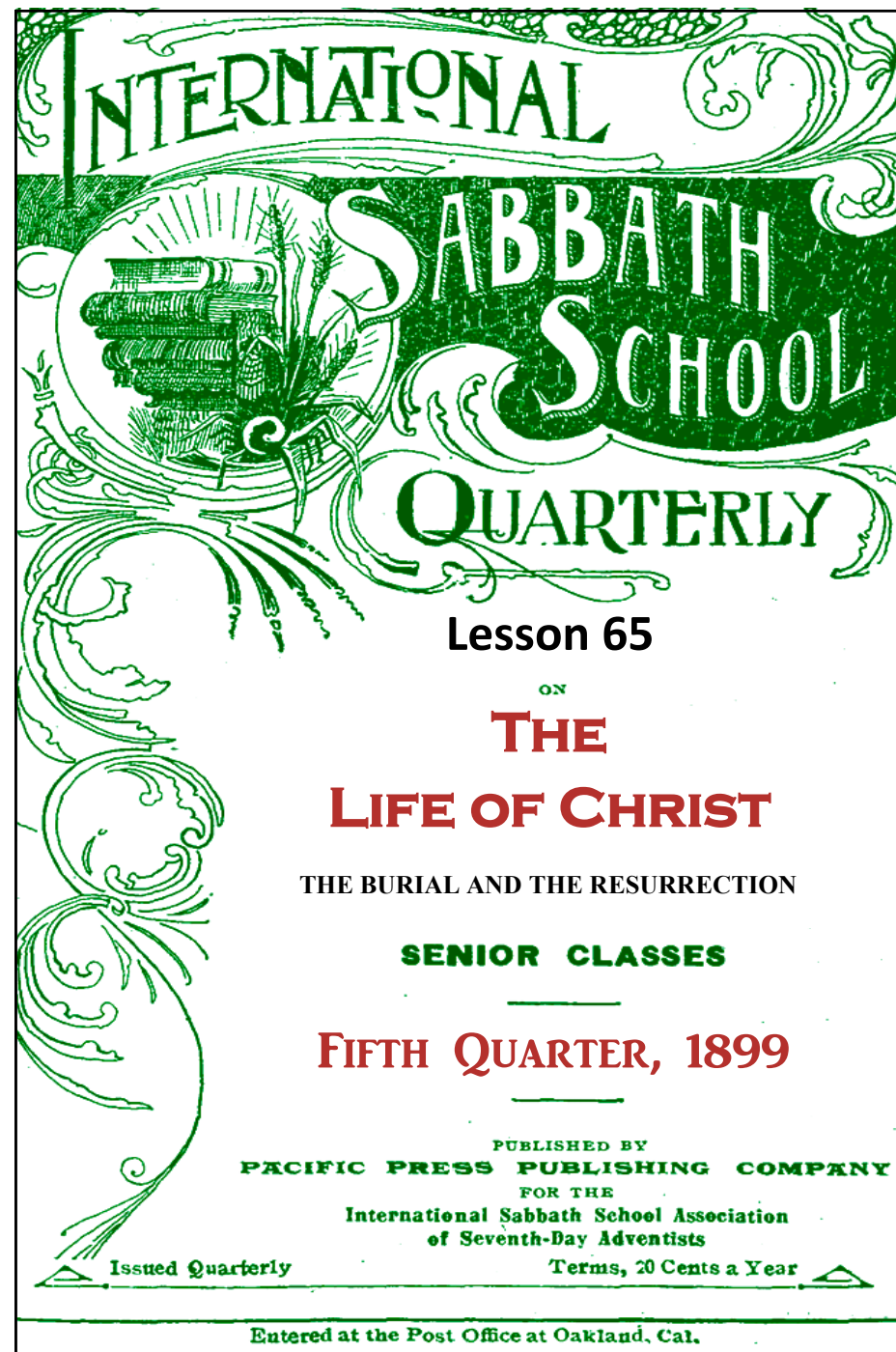


sunset, in order to comply with the Jewish law, was so that they could not get away after being taken from the cross, inasmuch as they were rarely if ever found to be so soon dead. Mark 15 44.

3. Joseph was a "counsellor," which probably means that he was a member of the great council of the Sanhedrin. Luke 23 : 50,51. Probably no one but a member of that court would have dared ask such a favour of the procurator, who alone could give permission for the removal of the body. Joseph had secretly believed in Christ for some time, having but one friend to whom he had divulged his feeling's, namely, Nicodemus. Together they had decided to brave indignation, and give the Saviour a decent burial.

ADDITIONAL NOTES



LESSON 65

THE BURIAL AND RESURRECTION

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(Matt. 27: 57 to 28: 6; Mark 15 :42 to 16: 6 ;
Luke 23 : 50 to 24 : 6 ; John 19: 31 to 20:1.)

*Side Texts to be
studied with
questions*

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| <p>1. WHAT was the Mosaic law regarding crucified bodies hanging on the cross overnight? See note 1.</p> | <p>Gal. 3:13,
Deut 21:22,23</p> |
| <p>2. Because of this law, what request did the Jews make to Pilate concerning those who had been crucified? John 19:31.</p> | <p>Mark 15 42.</p> |
| <p>3. In carrying out their wish, what difference did they make between Jesus and the two thieves? Verses 32, 33. See note 2.</p> | |
| <p>4. In doing this, what scripture was fulfilled? Verse 36.</p> | <p>Ex. 12:46;
Ps. 34 : 20.</p> |
| <p>5. But what was done to make sure of the death of Christ? Verse 34.</p> | |
| <p>6. Who then came to Pilate in behalf of the body of Jesus? What was his plea? Verse 38. See note 3.</p> | <p>Mark 15:43
Matt. 27:57.</p> |
| <p>7. What did Pilate require to know before granting the request of Joseph? Mark 15:44, 45.</p> | |
| <p>8. Who then joined Joseph in preparing Jesus for the grave? What did he contribute? John 19:39, 40.</p> | <p>John 7 : 50</p> |
| <p>9. Where did they gently lay Jesus after thus preparing Him? Verses 41, 42.</p> | <p>Matt. 27: 60.</p> |
| <p>10. Who watched the mournful process of putting Jesus in the tomb? Mark 15:47</p> | <p>Luke 23 : 55</p> |

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| <p>11. After witnessing the burial of their Lord, what did these women do? Luke 23:55, 56.</p> | |
| <p>12. In the meantime what were the enemies of Jesus doing? Matt. 27:62-64.</p> | |
| <p>13. How did Pilate arrange the matter with them? Verses 65, 66.</p> | <p>Matt. 27:60</p> |
| <p>14. When the Sabbath was over, what did the loyal women undertake to do? Luke 24: 1</p> | <p>Mk 16:1-2</p> |
| <p>15. Having mused by the way as to how they would get the entrance to the sepulchre cleared, what did they find on arrival at the place of burial? Mark 16:3, 4.</p> | <p>John 20:1</p> |
| <p>16. Who had done this work? Matt. 28:2-4.</p> | |
| <p>17. As the women entered the tomb, who did they see? Luke 24:4. Mark 16:5.</p> | <p>Luke 24:4</p> |
| <p>18. What information did the women receive from the heavenly visitants Verse 6</p> | <p>Matt. 28:5,6;
Luke 24:5,6</p> |

Reading

"Desire of Ages," chapter 80;
 "Spirit of Prophecy," vol. 3, chapter 11

NOTES

1. Crucifixion was not contemplated under the provisions of the Mosaic law, yet men were sometimes hanged on a tree after death, that by being thus exposed they might be a warning to all beholders, but they were by no means to be left hanging after sunset, lest the land be defiled. Were three corpses to remain on the cross over Sabbath in plain sight of the temple and holy city, great commotion would follow, because of the strict religious scruples of the people, and might result in disaster.
2. It is said that the custom of breaking the legs of crucified culprits just before