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CHURCH NEWS OF INTEREST

The services in the churches of the city Sunday evening were particularly interesting. At the Methodist church, Rev. Sutcliffe took as his subject "The Question of a Troubled Ruler" from Matthew 27-22.

"What Shall I do with Jesus?" Once in the long ago the scarlet robed stood before a Roman official; now all men irrespective of station constantly stand before the glory crowned Christ he cannot be evaded, he will not be dismissed.

Every time you see a church you stand before Jesus. When you gaze upon a beautiful Madonna and her boy, you stand before Jesus. Attend a funeral and you hear the words "In my Father's House are many Mansions" read, what are you doing but standing before Jesus. Write a letter to day and you place at the top of your page the figures 1911. Nineteen hundred and eleven what? Why years after the manger birth! Exactly! And are you not standing before Jesus? Were not my words sober truth when I said "Christ Cannot be evaded."

Here are four answers you may give to your query "What Shall I do with Jesus?"

You may persecute him as did Annas, the high priest.

The higher officials of the Jewish church hounded the gentle one to his shameful death. Christ identifies himself most closely with his followers. So, while it is clearly impossible for any man to smite the cheek of Mary's son he can cause the Master's heart to ache by ridiculing, by opposing his humblest follower. You may admire him as did Pilate the Governor.

When the scourged Man of Sorrows appeared before his accusers there was something so noble and divine about the sufferer that the Roman official exclaimed "Behold the Man" not a good man, not a princely man but the man. Yet Pilate fearful of suffering the loss of his position sent the Christ to the cross.

There are many today who extol and eulogize the Savior without stint and at the same time for gain or pleasure refuse to follow, obey or serve him.

You may know him as did Joseph of Arimathea.

When there was every appearance that the marred body of our Redeemer would, upon its removal from the cross, be interred in the place appointed for executed criminals deliverance from this ignominy came from an unexpected quarter. A wealthy scholarly influential citizen went to Pilate and asked the privilege of placing the remains in the tomb he had had prepared for himself.

For months he had been a disciple of the great teacher but secretly for fear of the Jews. What assistance he might have rendered his Lord had he bravely and openly espoused his cause. Every one who is living as did this member of the Jewish council is a moral coward, he is lacking in common honesty. His fellows imagine the well rounded character he possesses, is the result of his own effort when in reality it is the outcome of his fellowship with Jesus.

You may serve him as did Peter the Ex-Fisherman.

From the hour when the Lamb of God declared to Andrew's brother that henceforth he should catch men he forsook business, home, associates and devoted himself entirely to the propagation of the gospel. His talents, consecration and affection quickly made him one of the "inner three." After the resurrection of his Lord and until Paul's conversion and entrance upon his life's work, Peter was the central, dominating figure in the struggles and victories of the early church. Legend declares that Simon was crucified head downwards because he deemed himself unworthy to meet death in the same position as his leader.

Working for the extension of the kingdom will yield more joy, peace and satisfaction than any other quest.

How many of you will follow the example of Peter?

During the altar service which followed the address several decided to take this step.

At the Presbyterian church in the evening Rev. A. S. Mason preached on the subject, "The Lost Sense of Sin," basing his remarks on the words of the

prophet Isaiah, "Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, etc." He referred to the vices of the Israelites in the time of Isaiah, and the carelessness and frivolity with which they continued in idolatry, intemperance and other forms of sin, in the face of repeated warnings; and showed how this spirit led to their ruin and captivity.

He spoke of the tendency to make light of sin, and to forget moral distinctions, saying that "to lose the sense of sin, and become careless about moral distinctions, is the forerunner of the soul's damnation." Reference was made to Saul, first king of Israel, and his disgraceful overthrow on account of his sins. "When we lose our sense of sin, and guiltiness before Almighty God, we have lost the one thing that could bring us to God, and lead us to seek our salvation." Mr. Mason further illustrated his subject by reference to history, using Noah and the Ark, and the wickedness of that day; the experiences, defeats, losses, subjection, and final captivity of the Jews; The Message of Repentance preached by Jesus and his Apostles, and the overthrow of Jerusalem, and afterward of the Roman power itself because of refusal to hear this warning against sin; the corruptions and oppression of the church in the days of Luther, Calvin and Knox; the preaching of John Wesley and the revival in England in the 18th century; the failure of the French to listen to the warnings of God, and the awful results of unrepented sin, as shown in the terrors of the French Revolution.

In conclusion, it was shown that we need the sense of sin kept clear and keen, first, that we shall seek our own salvation. "When we make excuses for our own sin, we no longer seek the merits of Christ as our Savior, we are instead, trusting in our excuses, and lose what we might gain." We can all be the most severe judges and critics of our own misdeeds, and need to seek the help of God, to see our lives and hearts in their true condition. In the second place, we need a keen and deep sense of sin, in order to work for the savings of others as we should. We have no authority to sit as judges or critics of others, but unless we deeply realize their danger from unforgiven sin, we shall be but cold and heartless workers for their salvation." The sermon was closed with the question, "Have we as individuals, churches, or a community, in any way lost the sense of sin?"

Rev. Van Gorkom, of the Baptist church spoke on "Behold the Man." Words of Pilate taken from John 19:5. He said in part: "So great was the event that for four thousand years God was preparing the world for the coming of the Christ. In the very infancy of the human race, when man by his own choice, through disobedience had withdrawn himself from God, the promise was given of the one who was to be the light and deliverer of the race. From that time on man was expectant, looking for the promise fulfilled. Though but dim, we behold him all through these ages in the sacrifices and ceremonies. Moses, the great law giver, came telling of the Christ. David sang of the Christ as he in the 22d psalm gives us that vivid picture of the Christ on the cross. Isaiah, among the prophets, tells of the wonderful birth of the Christ, of his wonderful life of service and of the wonderful birth of the tragedy of the cross. Daniel, in the Babylonian captivity, dreams his dreams of the Christ, and we 'Behold the Man' all through these weary years as the years drag themselves into millenniums.

"Then after these four years of darkness, among strange phenomenon, the voice of John the Baptist came ringing up and down the valley of the Jordan preparing the way for the one. And then one day he came and John said, 'Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world' and after having buried that face beneath the rippling waves of the Jordan in baptism, 'Behold the Man' as he goes forth doing good.

"Pilate said, 'Behold the Man,' for Pilate could see in him no other than man. And it is sad to think that today there are so many who stand with Pilate and see in him no other than man. But though man may doubt and deny him, yet they must acknowledge they

can not overthrow him, and see him for these two thousand years marching triumphantly on ever more glorious and with ever-increasing power.

"I have a vision of the Christ in the land of Galilee as I hear him speak that sermon on the mount when he calls man blessed when they hunger after righteousness and those of a pure heart. I see him as disease and death flee before him, as he quiets the angry wind and waves, as the Jews hate him he loves the more. I behold the man as he is in agony in the garden, as he stands in Pilate's hall and Pilate says 'Behold the Man.' 'Art thou a king then?' Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world.' Then I beheld my king, your king. I beheld the Christ on the cross and hear coming from out of the thick darkness a voice saying, 'It is finished.' The great sacrifice is finished. I beheld the resurrected Christ, but still better than all beheld the glorified Christ in heaven.

"Behold the Man." At the Presbyterian church, Sunday, November 5th, Rev. C. A. Wooley, of Eugene, a former pastor, will occupy the pulpit morning and evening. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Christain Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

Services every Sunday at the Baptist church. Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30. Bible school at 10 a. m. Young Peoples' meeting every Sunday evening at 6:30. A cordial welcome to all.

Three adults united with the Methodist church on the Sabbath. One hundred and thirty signed the White Shield Total Abstinence pledge card at the morning temperance service. In the evening a congregation that overflowed into the vestry heard with de-

light the selection rendered by the male quartet. Messrs. Stratton, Harris, Mackin and Umphrey are certainly an evenly balanced musical team. Other members will be given by them during the coming months. At the close of Mr. Sutcliffe's address all those who wished to serve Christ better than they had done before and all who wished to enlist in his cause gathered around the altar and sang together a couple of hymns. Several recruits were among those who come forward.

At a recent meeting of the Sabbath school board Mesdames Compton, Wright, Mackin and Umphrey were appointed as teachers. Mrs. Frank Wheeler was elected president of the temperance society and Charles Wilkinson secretary and treasurer. On Wednesday afternoon the Woman's Foreign Missionary society held its monthly meeting at the parsonage. A very large number of members were present and a most interesting program was carried out. Mrs. Robert Sutcliffe served refreshments and a social half hour was enjoyed. The prospects are bright for a successful year's work.

Never before were the congregations so large at the Methodist church as they have been during the month of October. The average attendance at the morning service was 178 and at night 201. Five adults have united with the society.

Next Lord's day there will be public worship at 11 a. m. with address by pastor on "Loyalty." Sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered and first benevolent offering for the year taken. It is expected that every member will be present. People's Popular Service at 7:30 with sermon by Robert Sutcliffe on "The Question

of a Night Visitor". Anthem by large chorus choir. This meeting will be informal and evangelistic. Bible school at 9:45. The interest in this important branch of the church is steadily increasing. Epworth league devotional meetings at 6:30 led by Miss Flora Phillips. This is sure to be a splendid gathering of young people. A hearty welcome to these services.

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