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GREAT CHAPTERS.

MATTHEW 27. (27-66)

INTRODUCTION.

This chapter selected by a large number.
Without doubt because it tells the story
of the Crucifixion. So, in John, chapter
19 is chosen.

It is difficult to deal with, because it is
incomplete. The whole section occupies
chapters 26, 27, and 28. It gives the
account of the Travail and Triumph of the
King.

Travail in 26,27.
Triumph in 28.

From 27 I have read only the actual story
of the Cross and Burial; and to that we
shall give our attention.

This demands a recognition of what has
preceded.

Let us summarize.

- I. The Preliminaries. 26:1-30.
i. The Hour fixed by the King. 1-5.
(Parenthesis. Four Days earlier.
Bethany. 6-16.)
ii. Passover. The Old. 17-30.
The New.
The Great Hallel.

II. Gethsemane. 31-56.

- III. The Trials. 26:57--27:26.
i. Before the Priests. 57-68.
ii. Denial by Peter. 69-75.
iii. Doom of Judas. 27:1-10.
iv. Before Pilate. 11-26.

So to the Section read. 27:27;-66.

- A. The Crucifixion. The human side. 27-44.
B. The Cross. The Divine side. 45-56.
C. The Body of Jesus. 57-66.

A. THE CRUCIFIXION. THE HUMAN SIDE. 27-44.

"Ye, by the hand of lawless men".

I. The Mockery. 27-32.

Robe, Crown, Reed.

Simon impressed.

II. GOLGOTHA. 33-44.

i. The Crucifying referred to as accomplished.

ii. The Sharers. "Robbers."

iii. The Raillery.

The Mob.

The Priests. Scribes. Elders.

The Robbers.

B. THE CROSS. THE DIVINE SIDE. 45-56.

"Delivered up by the determinate counsel
, and foreknowledge of God."

* I. The Darkness. 45.

i. Disapproval of Sin.

ii. Tenderness.

II. The Central and revealing Cry. 46-49.

i. Human Dereliction.

ii. The Mistake of the Watchers.

III. The Victory. 50.

i. The loud Voice.

ii. The yielded Spirit.

IV. The supernatural Signs. 51-53.

i. The rent Veil.

ii. The quaking Earth.

iii. The rending Rocks.

iv. The opening Tombs.

V. The Centurion's Confession. 54.

VI. The watching Women. 55.56.

C. THE BODY OF JESUS. 57-66.
NOTE. "Weep not, she is not dead, but
sleepeth. Lk.8:52.
"Our friend Lazarus is fallen
asleep". Jn.11:11.
So with Jesus.
"Lay the precious body
In the quiet grave".

I. The Ministry of Love. 57-61.
i. Joseph of Arimathaea.

ii. The watching Maries and Salome.

II. The Activity of Hate. 62-66.
i. The Fear of Pharisees and
Priests.
They remembered what He had
said.

ii. The Sarcasm of Pilate.

CONCLUSION.

"Oh love of God, Oh sin of men,
In this dread act your strength is tried;
And victory remains with Love,
When He, our Lord, is crucified."

"In evil long I took delight,
Unawed by shame and fear,
Till a new object met my sight,
And stopped my wild career.

I saw One hanging on a tree
In agonies and blood,
Who fixed His languid eyes on me,
As near His cross I stood.

Sure never till my latest breath,
Can I forget that look;
It seem'd to charge me with His death,
Though not a word He spoke.

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A second look He gave, which said,
'I freely all forgive;
This blood is for thy ransom paid;
I die that thou may'st live.'

Thus while His death my sin displays
In all its blackest hue;
(Such is the mystery of grace).
It seals my pardon, too."

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