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JOHN XIX.

INTRODUCTION.

In this Chapter we have John's account of the Crucifixion and Burial of our Lord.

As when we dealt with Matthew's account (Matt xxvii) the chapter needs a recognition of more. Chapters xviii and xix contain John's full account.

In this case, as in Matthew, I have only read the actual story of the Cross and Burial.

This demands a Recognition of what has preceded.

Let us summarize.

I. The Garden. Judas. The Cohort. Peter.

xviii.l-ll.

II. The Trials. xviii.l2-xix.l6.

Before The Priests. xviii.l2-27.

The Denials of Peter.

Before Pilate. xviii.28-xix.l6.

"He delivered Him unto them to be crucified."

So to the Section read. xix.16-42. In this story as in that of Matthew, the two sides of the Event are clearly marked, the human and the Divine.

Our Method follows that order.

A. The Crucifixion. The human side.16-27.

B. The Cross. . The Divine side.

28-30.

C. The Body of Jesus. 31-42.

A. THE CRUCIFIXION. THE HUMAN SIDE. 16-27.

I. The Deed. 16-18.

i. "They took Him". 16.

ii. He went forth. 17.

In the midst of the Thieves.
The Place of the most guilty.

II. The "Title" of Pilate. 19-22.

i, What Pilate meant.

Contempt for the Jews.

ii. What God meant. Fulfilment of Hebrew Purpose.

III. The Watchers. 23-27.

i. The Soldiers. 23.24.

Dividing the Spoils.

Gambling for the Seamless Robe.

ii. The Lovers.
Four Women and John.

Jesus and His Mother.

B. THE CROSS. THE DIVINE SIDE.

I. The passing Hours.

28-30.

C. THE BODY OF JESUS. 31-42. I. An Offence to the Jews. 31-37.

II. Then.

i. When He knew that all things were accomplished.
Whatever He went there to do was done.

ii. "The Flesh". The Cry of the Human.

iii. "The Word". The Affirmation of God.
"It is, finished."

iv. The last Act.
"He gave up His Spirit."

II. Precious to His Lovers. 38-42. Joseph and Nicodemus.

"A Garden" and "a new Tomb."