



My Mother

In Memoriam

When God made her, I'm sure He used the best He had that day,
And when He had finished with the job, He threw the mold away.

Her smile was like the bright sunshine that always follows rain,
And in her voice I heard the sound of music's sweet refrain.

Her eyes were like the twinkling stars that in the heavens glow;
Her hands were weapons of defense, her hair was like the snow.

Her tears were like the glistening dew that lingers on the flowers;
Her cheeks were soft as any rose washed clear by silvery showers.

The heart He fashioned in her breast was filled with joy divine;
And every lovely attribute lives in this heart of mine.

—Alice Whitson Norton

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YOUTH WANTS TO KNOW

By Avis Swiger

Dear Sister Swiger:

Why do our churches observe Friday instead of Wednesday as the day our Lord was crucified? According to Matthew 12:40, our observance is wrong. J.L.B.

Dear J.L.B.,

First, let me commend you for your study of the Bible. As a young evangelist, that is a necessary part of your preparation. Study and then discuss your questions with pastors where you are in revivals and with older church members wherever you go. It will pay you good dividends.

Now, let us answer your question. In Mark 15:42; Luke 23:54 and John 19:42, we are told that the crucifixion took place on the day before the Sabbath. We also learn that they hastened the death of the two thieves by breaking their bones so that the bodies could be

removed before the Sabbath. John 19:31. For these reasons we believe that He was crucified on Friday. Again we have this proof: On Sunday He made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the people sang praises to Him. On Monday He cleansed the Temple for the second time. On Tuesday He went again to the city and made His last teachings to the people in the Temple. On Wednesday there are no recorded events. Thursday evening He came back to the city for the Last Supper. From the Supper room He went to the Garden about midnight. Then, He was arrested and taken before Caiphas for trial before daylight. That would put the crucifixion on Friday as the three Gospels already noted record it.

The Bible teaches us that at the mouth of two or three witnesses would every fact be established. You have here the three witnesses that the crucifixion was on Friday.

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