

Darkness Over the Whole Land

Mark 15:33-39

All the critical events of Jesus' death happened *in the dark*.

1. The Darkness of Betrayal

- a. The Betrayal of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane took place at _____
 Jesus himself said, *"My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death."* (Mark 14:34)
 Because it was _____, Judas arranged a signal: *"The one I kiss is the man; arrest him."* (Mark 14:44)
- b. The Trial before the Sanhedrin took place at _____
"The chief priest and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. Many testified _____ against him, but their statements did not agree." (Mark 14:55-56)

These are the rulers that are supposed to promote _____ and speak the truth!
 Jesus should be in the _____ seat, and we should be in the dock, in chains.

And then the whole trial deteriorates.

The jurors and judges begin to _____ on him and _____ him. (Mark 14:61-65)

2. The Darkness of Judgment (Mark 15:33-34)

"And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour." (Mark 15:33)
 From noon to 3PM, as Jesus was dying, there was total _____.

- a. Darkness was a sign of _____
 Amos prophesied there would be darkness on the Day of the Lord, *"I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight... I will make it like the mourning for an only son...."*
 (Amos 8:9, 10)
- b. Darkness was a sign of God's _____
 At the exodus, *"a plague of darkness spread over the land"* (Ex 10:21) right before the Passover Lamb was _____.
- c. Darkness is a sign of God's _____ and Judgment
 God was judging his only Son.
And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Ps.22:1)
- d. Jesus was Experiencing _____ Judgment Day
 He was forsaken by God so that we would be _____ by him
 The whole creation _____ and came undone
 Darkness at noon
"The curtain of the temple was torn in two...the earth shook, and the rocks were split" (Matt 27:51)

Darkness Over the Whole Land

Mark 15:33-39

- e. Physical Darkness Brings Disorientation, but so does _____ Darkness
 Spiritual darkness comes when we turn _____ from God as our true light and make something else the _____.

Jesus said, *I am the way, the truth, and the life.* (John 14:6)

3. Anyone in Spiritual Darkness can _____ to the Most Holy God

“With a loud cry Jesus breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.” (Mark 15:37-38)

The curtain said loudly & _____:

It’s impossible for any sinner, anyone in spiritual darkness, to come into God’s presence.

The tear was from _____ to bottom, just to make clear who did it. This was God’s way of saying, This is the sacrifice to _____ all sacrifices, the way is now open to approach me.

And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!” (Mark 15:39)

For a Roman Centurion to say these words is utterly _____!

No one but Caesar was considered the “son of god”—it was inscribed on every coin at that time.

But this man gave the _____ to Jesus—he could have been killed for _____!

The centurion was a hardened, _____ man.

He had seen death, and had inflicted death, to a degree that you and I can hardly imagine.

Yet something _____ his spiritual darkness and he became the 1st man to confess the deity of Christ!

The beauty of Jesus in his death must have flooded his darkness with light.

Jesus Christ’s _____ can dispel and destroy our own!

“He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His Beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins” (Col. 1:13-14)