

## 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)

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- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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)