

IT IS FINISHED
--MARK 15:33-41--

INTRODUCTION:

We began last week to look at the crucifixion of the Son of God. We focused most on the verbal and physical abuse He endured from the time He was arrested and until He was dead. That God did not instantly destroy them for their crimes is incredible. In their ignorance of the Scriptures, they did not know that the murder of Jesus was necessary in God's eternal plan of redemption.

This morning as we come into our passage God is at Golgotha, but not to protect His Son from evil men, but to punish His Son on their behalf. The Righteous Son of God was put to death as a substitute for the unrighteous. As we look at the final three hours that Jesus spent on the cross, it will be evident the Jesus Christ drank the full cup of God's wrath against sin.

I. THE CUP OF GOD'S WRATH (Mark 15:33-38)

- a. As we come into this passage we enter the high point of salvation history, the substitutionary _____ death of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- b. Mark informs us that it is now the _____ hour.
- c. The Gospels record for us three _____ that Jesus made during that three-hour period. (Luke 23:34, 43; John 19:26-27)
- d. At noon as the sun reached its zenith, Mark tells us that _____ fell over the whole land.
- e. Why the darkness? To begin with it is a sign of _____. (Amos 8:9-10)
- f. Not only does darkness signify mourning, but it also signified the curse of God and the _____ of God.
- g. The darkness at the cross did not represent the absence of God but His holy, terrifying _____. (1st Peter 2:24; 2nd Corinthians 5:21)
- h. During those three hours of darkness all the _____ of the world was poured out on the Lord Jesus, the sinless Son of God, and He bore it all for us. (Galatians 3:13)

- i. Could it be any worse? We have only witnessed a dim shadow of the _____ that Christ suffered. (1st
- j. When He had prayed in the garden He knew the physical agony was nothing in comparison to becoming _____ for us and suffering God wrath and separation. (Psalm 22:1)
- k. This is the only place in the gospel record where Jesus referred to God by any other title than "_____."
- l. The pain and agony of the Father's _____ was made more severe by the hostile presence of the religious leaders and the crowd. (Psalm 22; Malachi 4:5-6)
- m. John records for us that next Jesus cried out, "*I am _____*" (John 19:28b, NASB95). (Isaiah 53)
- n. Jesus had endured _____ hours of physical torture on the cross, added to this was the infinite torments of divine judgment.
- o. Jesus in dying for us as the perfect sacrifice for sin brought to an end the Old Testament _____ system, and all that went along with it. (Hebrews 10:19-22)

II. THE CENTURION'S CONFESSION (Mark 15:39)

- a. Mark next mentions a _____ officer who was at Golgotha.
- b. As he looked at Jesus' lifeless body as it _____ there on the cross in front of him, he could not contain his astonishment any longer. (Luke 23:47)
- c. At the cross beginning with the crucified criminal then this pagan commander, we are witnesses to _____ of God's grace.

III. THE CONFUSED WOMEN (Mark 15:40-41)

- a. Mark mentions some women who had followed Jesus who had their hope turn to sorrow and _____.
- b. Mark identifies three of the _____ who were there.
- c. Only the women and _____ are mentioned as being present at the crucifixion.
- d. With the One dead whom the crowd was _____, they began to return to Jerusalem.

CONCLUSION:

As we consider what we have witnessed over the last two weeks we must understand that God only sees two types of people in the world. Those who are His children because of their repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, believing that His death paid the penalty for their sin. The second group are those who are not His children but still belong to Satan. We have seen both at the cross, and we have seen at least two that crossed from Satan's family to God's family.

We also witnessed some who were part of God's family but confused by the death of Jesus. These were the women and though they were never empowered to do miracles or preach like the apostles, these women were representatives of the precious faithful who did not forsake the Lord even in His death. Their loyalty would be rewarded three days later. On Sunday morning, they would be the first to learn of His glorious resurrection.

As we move from the message to the Lord's Supper this morning look at your own life and see where you are. Have you repented of your sin and believed that Jesus Christ died to pay the penalty for your sin, if you have you like the criminal, and the centurion have had your sins forgiven and you can enter into the presence of God by a new and living way which Jesus Christ made possible through His atoning death on the cross. If you have never done this, you can this morning by acknowledging that you are a sinner helpless to save yourself and be believing that Jesus died for your sin and when you believe this you are forgiven and given the promise of eternal life. If you have already done this never forget what Jesus Christ did for you, what He endured so that you would not have to face God's wrath against sin. We have a salvation for which we should be eternally grateful.