Jesus' Death - Luke 23:44-49

Topics: Darkness, Death, Mourning, Praise, Righteousness, Sorrow

Open It

- 1. What experiences have caused you to be amazed?
- 2. What is the most you've ever sacrificed for someone else?
- * 3. Who are some people you considered unapproachable at one point or another in your life? Why?

Explore It

- 4. When did the events of this story take place? (23:44)
- 5. What unusual natural occurrence took place and what did it signify? (23:44-45)
- * 6. What happened to the curtain in the temple? (23:45)
- * 7. What did the tearing of the temple curtain signify? (23:45)
 - 8. Why did Jesus call out from the cross? (23:46)
 - 9. What was significant about Jesus' words on the cross? (23:46)
 - 10. What occurred after Jesus called out to the Father? (23:46)
- * 11. How did the centurion in charge of the crucifixion react to Jesus' death? (23:47)
 - 12. What motivated the centurion to praise God? (23:47)
 - 13. Why did the centurion call Jesus a righteous man, and in what way was this declaration significant? (23:47)
 - 14. How did the witnesses to Christ's crucifixion react to His death? (23:48)
 - 15. Why did those people who knew Jesus watch from a distance? (23:49)

Get It

- 16. Why did Jesus need to die on the cross?
- 17. What difference did Christ's death make in our relationship with God the Father?
- * 18. How did Christ open the path between us and God?
 - 19. What does it mean to approach God?
- * 20. How are we able to approach God?
 - 21. What do Jesus' actions teach us about submission to God's will?
 - 22. Why was the centurion's reaction to Jesus' death so remarkable?
 - 23. What does this passage teach us about how we should respond to death?
 - 24. From what has Jesus' death on the cross saved you?

Apply It

- * 25. In what ways can you approach God each day this week, to honor the path to the Father He opened for you?
 - 26. With what younger Christian can you share today your thankfulness for Christ's great sacrifice?