

The Death of Jesus - Matthew 27:45-56

Topics: Atonement, Believe, Blindness, Darkness, Death, Devotion, God, Grief, Hopelessness, Loneliness, Mediator, Miracles, Mourning, Pain, Questions, Sacrifice, Separation, Unbelievers

Open It

- * 1. What is it like to be separated from someone you love?
- 2. When in your life did you ever feel abandoned?

Explore It

- 3. What happened from the sixth to the ninth hour (from 12 noon until 3 p.m.)? (27:45)
- * 4. What did Jesus cry out at the ninth hour? Why? (27:46)
- * 5. What did Jesus' last words mean? (27:46)
- 6. What did some of the bystanders think Christ had yelled? (27:47)
- 7. What did one man in particular try to do for Jesus? (27:48)
- 8. How did the rest in the crowd respond to the gesture of kindness toward Jesus? (27:49)
- 9. What happened the next time Jesus cried out in a loud voice? (27:50)
- 10. What supernatural event took place inside the temple when Jesus died? (27:51)
- 11. How were things in Jerusalem at that time? (27:51)
- 12. How did the death of Jesus affect activity in some of the area's cemeteries? (27:52-53)
- * 13. How did a Roman centurion react to the way Jesus died? (27:54)
- 14. Who else was in the crowd watching the crucifixion? (27:55)
- 15. Who in the crowd was most prominent at Jesus' death? (27:56)

Get It

- * 16. What did it mean that the sky turned black as Jesus hung on the cross?
- 17. How would you explain to an inquiring friend the significance of the veil in the temple tearing in two as Jesus died?
- 18. Why does it often take drastic measures or life-threatening upheavals to bring people to their senses and persuade them to follow Christ?
- 19. What situations or events did God use to convince you that Jesus is the Son of God?
- 20. Why are the women followers of Jesus mentioned, and not the male disciples?
- * 21. What did Jesus accomplish for you with His death?

Apply It

- * 22. What steps can you take this week to allow the profound truth of this passage to sink in?
- 23. In the near future, with whom can you share the good news of Christ's payment for sin on the cross?