

THE SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL DEATH OF JESUS

(Luke 23:44-49)

- A. JESUS' FIRST TRIAL: BEFORE GOVERNOR PILATE (Luke 23:1-5)
- B. JESUS' SECOND TRIAL: BEFORE KING HEROD (Luke 23:6-12)
- C. JESUS' THIRD TRIAL: BEFORE GOVERNOR PILATE AGAIN (Luke 23:13-25)
- D. THE EVENTS ON THE WAY TO GOLGOTHA (Luke 23:26-32)
- E. THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS CHRIST (Luke 23:33-49)
- F. THE SPIRITUAL DEATH OF CHRIST (Luke 23:44-45; Matt. 27:45-49; Mark 15:33-36)
 - 1. After experiencing three hours of excruciating physical _____ and agony (Ps. 22:6-8, 11-19; 69:20-21), an eerie "darkness" fell on the earth at _____ (Jerusalem time) until _____ pm. (v. 44)

 - 2. When God made His Son an offering for sin and poured out His wrath on Him, He supernaturally _____ His _____ from the eyes of the spectators; this was not an eclipse. (vv. 44-45, cf. Matt. 27:45; Mark 15:33; 2 Cor. 5:21)

 - 3. In the other Synoptics, it is during this period of darkness that Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You _____ Me?" (Matt. 27:45-49; Mark 15:33-36), and Psalm 22:1 informs us that He was _____ all _____ in this darkness.

 - 4. Due to God's judicial and relational act of judgment (not a metaphysical or spatial separation in the Trinity), Jesus was _____ by God on the cross, and He _____ died. (Isa. 53:10-12; Heb. 5:7-8; 1 Pet. 3:18)

* What other man in Scripture died first spiritually and then eventually physically?

G. THE PHYSICAL DEATH OF CHRIST (Luke 23:46-49; Matt. 27:50-56; Mark 15:37-41; John 19:28-30)

1. In Luke's narrative he moved the tearing of the temple veil up, whereas Matthew and Mark have it taking place at the very moment Christ voluntarily gave up His spirit.
 - a. In Luke the darkness and tearing of the veil most likely represented _____
_____. (v. 45)
 - b. In Matthew and Mark's these events emphasized the _____ of the Mosaic Law, and the _____ of a new way to God through Christ. (Matt. 27:50-53; Mark 15:37-39)

2. One thing that is very clear in all four Gospel accounts is that Jesus _____ gave up His _____ spirit, no one took it from Him. (v. 46, cf. Matt. 27:50; Mark 15:37; John 19:30)

3. Dr. Luke gives us three examples of the spectators' reactions to the death of Jesus Christ...
 - a. The "*centurion*" who was in charge of these crucifixions had presumably witnessed many, but he was thoroughly _____ by the darkness, the earthquake (Matt. 27:54), and the _____ in which Jesus died. (v. 47)
 - b. The "*whole crowd*" who had gathered to witness this execution instead of being entertained, they were saddened and even _____ of their own _____. (v. 48, cf. Luke 18:13)
 - c. Jesus' "*acquaintances and the women who followed Him from Galilee*" (Luke 8:2-3) _____ from a _____. (v. 49, cf. John 19:25-27)

* What truth can you personally apply from this passage today?