

A Rich Man's Tomb

Mark 15:33-47

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I. Did a solar eclipse happen, as the Son died? Mark 15:33-36

Luke 23:45 says the sun's light failed! This darkness was also remarkable because it happened during a full moon which made it _____ for an eclipse of the sun to occur.

- "It is the only time of which we have record that Jesus did not address God as _____. Because the Son had taken sin upon Himself, the Father turned His back." (John MacArthur)

The words "**look on**" from **Habakkuk 1:13** in Hebrew mean to respect or show favor. God will not respect or show _____ to sin.

- "God forsaken of ____! Who can understand it?" (Martin Luther)

II. The death of the King. Mark 15:37-41

"**It is finished**" is one word in Greek, "*tetelestai*" and it literally means _____ in full. He didn't take out a mortgage, He paid for us in full.

- No one could _____ Jesus' life from Him, instead He yielded up His Spirit willingly, for me and you. **John 10:17-18**

The tearing of the veil of the Temple demonstrated sin is now paid for because of the sacrifice of Christ. Man can boldly enter in the Holy of Holies, come before the Lord, and receive _____. **Hebrews 4:16**

III. The King placed in a tomb. Mark 15:42-47

Releasing Him for _____ is proof Jesus died on the cross. Pilate would not have released the body without proof He was dead. **John 19:31-34**

- "If Jesus had not endured the cross, it might be said that there is a _____ to God's love, that there was something God could have done but was unwilling to do in order to demonstrate His love." (David Guzik)

IV. Practical Application.

Christ _____ our place, taking God's judgment for sin, by placing His own body upon the cross. But there is no tomb on planet earth fit for our King, so He rose again on the third day!

- Now that we have been freed from the slavery of sin, it only stands to reason that we become servants by _____ to this King who loved us so much, He willingly laid down His life for us.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **Mark 15:33**. When the darkness was over the land between noon and 3 p.m., was it an eclipse? Or was this a super-natural occurrence at the death of the Creator. **Luke 23:44-45, Mark 14:1-2, Matthew 27:51-52**
2. Read **Mark 15:34-35**. Discuss the joy and the agony components of this fulfillment of prophecy. What did John MacArthur say happened for the only time in this statement from Jesus? **Hebrews 12:2, Psalm 22:1**
3. Discuss the statement made in the sermon, "Some ask how God can't look upon sin, because the Lord is all knowing and present everywhere, so how can He not see sin? After all, He flooded the world because of sin." **Habakkuk 1:13, 2 Corinthians 5:21**
4. Read **John 19:30** and discuss the phrase Jesus said on the Cross, "**It is finished**". What is the meaning of that word in the Greek language? **Colossians 1:14, Colossians 2:13-14, John 10:17-18, John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 John 2:1-2, Romans 6:23**
5. Read **Mark 15:38-39**. What is significant about the veil of the Temple being torn in two? What does that mean for Christians? **Hebrews 4:16, Hebrews 9:7, Numbers 18:22-23, Leviticus 16:2**
6. Read **Mark 15:43-44**. Discuss the cooperation between man and God with Joseph and Nicodemus asking for the body of Jesus. **Philippians 2:12-13, John 20:6-7, John 19:31-32, Romans 12:1-2**
7. Discuss the practical Application of the sermon.