



First Baptist Church of Cypress
THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST
(part 2) Mark 15:33-47

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Good morning church! Turn in your Bibles to Mark 15 as we continue the study of the Sacrifice of Christ. The third hour has come as Jesus was nailed to the cross. As we read in verse 33, Jesus has been there for three hours and it is now noon on Friday, which is the Jewish sixth hour of the day. Darkness covered the sky displaying a sign of divine judgment. This recalls the darkness in Egypt, which lasted three days before the death of the firstborn sons as mentioned in Exodus 10:22. We don't know if this darkness fell across the whole earth, but we do know from our church fathers that during Jesus' death, it extended beyond Palestine until 3:00 pm. But this is not the only time God a physical darkness to appear.

*"Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming; it is near, 2 a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness Like blackness there is spread upon the mountains a great and powerful people; their like has never been before, nor will be again after them through the years of all generations." **Joel 2:1-2***

*"Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?" **Amos 5:20***

*"The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. 15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness," **Zephaniah 1:14-15***

Mark 15:16-32

"And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" 35 And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." 36 And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." 37 And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. 38 And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. 39 And

when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" 40 There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. 41 When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem. 42 And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, 43 Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 44 Pilate was surprised to hear that he should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. 45 And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. 46 And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud and laid him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. 47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid."

1. Jesus' LIFE was Determined by What is WRITTEN in the Scripture. (v 34-36)

- The Father's ABANDONMENT is a determined response of a righteous God AGAINST sin.

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth."

Romans 1:18

"For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy." 1 Corinthians 7:14

- God's WORD reveals God's WILL for your life.

2. Jesus **GAVE** His Life Voluntarily and **DIED**. (v 37-41)

*"And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. 52 The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, 53 and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. 54 When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!" **Matthew 27:51-54***

- The way into God's presence was OPEN by the DEATH of His Son Jesus.

*“And you shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. It shall be made with cherubim skillfully worked into it. 32 And you shall hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, with hooks of gold, on four bases of silver. 33 And you shall hang the veil from the clasps, and bring the ark of the testimony in there within the veil. And the veil shall separate for you the Holy Place from the Most Holy.” **Exodus 26:31-33***

“and the Lord said to Moses, “Tell Aaron your brother not to come at any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat that is on the ark, so that he may not die. For I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat.”

Leviticus 16:2

3. Jesus was BURIED for THREE Days. (v 42-47)

- Joseph's first ACT of FAITH comes when all Jesus' own disciples had fled.
- When following Jesus, we do not LOSE anything, but GAIN everything.

How do we know Jesus was dead?

1. The ROMANS officially pronounced Jesus dead.
2. Jesus was BEAT, stripped, CRUCIFIED, & pierced.
3. NICODEMUS assisted in caring for the body of Jesus.
4. The TOMB was a borrowed grave of Joseph from Arimathea.
5. The STONE was “great” in size taking 3-4 people to move it.
6. The SEAL was a cord sealed with wax by the government ring.
7. The GUARD was a group of highly trained soldiers.
8. The DISCIPLES went their own way after Friday.

There is evidential proof that Jesus was born, lived in Nazareth, did ministry in Galilee and Jerusalem, was known as the Messiah, the Son of the Living God whose life was determined to be the Savior of the world according to the Scriptures to die by crucifixion, be buried and raise to a new life. The eyewitnesses both Christian and non-Christian alike testify of these events that we can truly quote Jesus in John 14:6 who said, *“I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.”* He died so that anyone who believes in Him may live!