

On the Cross – Final Three Hours **Matthew 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41; Luke 23:44-49; John 19:28-37**

“We must keep in mind that what our Lord accomplished on the cross was an eternal _____ that involved Him and the Father. He did not die as a martyr who had failed in a lost cause. Nor was He only an example for people to follow. Isaiah 53 makes it clear that Jesus did not die for His own sins, because He had none; He died for _____ sins. He made His soul an offering for sin (Isa. 53:4-6; 10-12).” Warren Wiersbe

Christ spent _____ hours on the cross, 9 am-3 pm. Over the centuries theologians have divided that time in half; the first and second three hours. We have looked at eight different details within the first three hours on the cross. Now, let us continue our study and see _____ more details found in the final three hours of Jesus on the cross.

1. Supernatural Darkness

“And it was about the _____ hour, and there was a darkness over _____ the earth (“_____ the land” Matt. 27:45/” _____ land” Mark 15:33) until the _____ hour.” Luke 23:44

2. Jesus Speaks and Dies

“And at (“about” Matt. 27:46) the _____ hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? (“Eli, Eli,” Matt. 27:46) which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou _____ me? And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias (_____).” Mark 15:34-35

“And at the ninth hour” –

“Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”/“Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” –

“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” –

“Behold, he calleth Elias.” –

“After this, Jesus knowing that _____ things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I _____. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar (_____): (“And straightway one of them ran,” Matt. 27:48) and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.” John 19:28-29 “The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will _____ to (“take him down.” Mark 15:36) save him.” Matt. 27:49

“all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled,” –

“I thirst” –

“let us see whether Elias will come to save him.” –

“When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is _____:...” John 19:30 “And when Jesus had cried with a _____ voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, (“he _____ his head, and” John 19:30) he gave (“_____” Matt. 27:50) up the ghost.” Luke 23:46

“It is finished:” –

“Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:”/“he bowed his head, and he gave (yielded) up the ghost.” –

3. Supernatural Events at Jesus’ Death

“And, behold, the _____ of the temple was rent in twain from the _____ to the _____ (“in the midst.” Luke 23:45); and the earth did _____, and the rocks _____; And the graves were _____; and many bodies of the saints which slept _____, And came out of the graves _____ his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.” Matthew 27:51-53

“veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom;” –

“the earth did quake” –

“the rocks rent;” –

“the graves were opened;” –

4. Final Witnesses at the Cross

- Centurion and Soldiers

“Now when the _____, (“which stood over against him,” Mark 15:39) and _____ that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, (“saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost,” Mark 15:39) and those things that were done, they _____ greatly, (“he _____ God,” Luke 23:47) saying, Truly this (“man” Mark 15:39) was (“a _____ man” Luke 23:47) the Son of God.” Matthew 27:54

- Golgotha Crowd

“And _____ the people that came together to that sight, _____ the things which were done, _____ their breasts, and returned.” Luke 23:48

- Acquaintances and Women

“And _____ his acquaintance, and the _____ that followed him from Galilee, (“ministering unto him: Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee’s children (“Salome;” Mark 15:40).” Matt. 27:55-56; (“and _____ other women which came up with him unto Jerusalem” Mark 15:41)) stood afar off, _____ these things.” Luke 23:49

5. Haste to Remove the Bodies

- The Problem - _____

“The _____ therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not _____ upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.” John 19:31

- The Solution - _____

“Then came the soldiers, and _____ the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake _____ his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear _____ his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.” John 19:32-34

- The Result - _____

“And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might _____. For these things were done, that the scripture should be _____, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again _____ scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.” John 19:35-37

Believer's Application:

When Jesus called out, “It is finished:”, what was completed? Let's look a little deeper at this sacred transaction and apply it to our lives.