

THE DARKEST DAY EVER

& The Dawn of a New Era

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Mark 15:22-41 (NIV)

²²They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”). ²³Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get. ²⁵It was nine in the morning when they crucified him.

²⁶The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁷They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁸Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰come down from the cross and save yourself!” ³¹In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! ³²Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.” Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

³³At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”). ³⁵When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah.” ³⁶Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down,” he said. ³⁷With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. ³⁸The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!” ⁴⁰Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome. ⁴¹In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.

- **Light is a Person ... Jesus!** (Exodus 13:21-22; Exodus 40:34-35; 1 Kings 8:10-12; Isaiah 9:2; John 1:1-9; John 8:12; Hebrews 1:3; Revelation 21:22-25)
- **The Darkest Day Ever was the Day that the Light of the World hung on a cross.** (vs. 33-34; Exodus 20:21; 1 Kings 8:10-12)

*“What was happening at the cross was too holy and too terrible to see
and the glory of God that once filled Solomon’s temple now fills Golgotha.”*

*“Jesus was the only one found worthy to enter the darkness of God’s presence
and it was there in God’s majestic righteous glory that He died.”*

*“The God who once dwelled in darkness behind a veil now dwells in darkness on a cross
to satisfy our sin debt thus tearing the veil and ushering in the dawn of a new Era.”*