



Introduction: In our previous time together, we looked at two events: the _____ Jesus faced (27:27-31) and His _____ (27:32-44).

The point that I sought to drive home throughout the sermon was this: Jesus _____ what you and I should have faced. He became our substitute—He took our place.

In this sermon...

I. Jesus Hangs upon the Cross and _____ – 27:45-56

A. There was _____ over the land – 27:45

45 Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land.

This wasn't merely a natural phenomenon – it was divine _____ imagery.

B. Jesus _____ out from the cross – 27:46

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

These words spoken by Jesus were also _____. They are found in [Psalm 22:1](#). And what is the significance of these words?

The Greek word “forsaken” (egkataleipo) means to _____, desert, or leave helpless.

Theologian John Stott penned, “He was forsaken that we might never be_____.”

C. Some thought that Jesus was calling for _____ – 27:47-49

47 Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, “This Man is calling for Elijah!” 48 Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink. 49 The rest said, “Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him.”

D. Jesus yielded up His _____ – 27:50

50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

It is believed that the words that Jesus spoke were: “It is _____”

The Bible says in [John 10:18](#), “No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself.”

E. After Jesus expired some amazing _____ happened – 27:51

51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, 52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

F. The _____ of those guarding the cross – 27:54

54 So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

G. The ministering _____ were still present – 27:55-56

55 And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar, 56 among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

I love the words used in verse 55, "*ministering to Him,*"

II. Jesus was taken down and _____ in Joseph's Tomb – 27:57-61

A. _____ of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus – 27:57-58

57 Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. 58 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him.

What do we have in these verses? We see the following:

B. Jesus' body was prepared for _____ – 27:59

59 When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb and departed.

C. The women were _____ at the tomb – 27:61

61 And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb.

III. Jesus' Tomb is made _____ – 27:62-66

A. _____ leaders speak to Pilate – 27:62-64

62 On the next day, which followed the Day of Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, 63 saying, "Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise.'

B. They wanted the tomb to be made _____ – 27:64

64 Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' So the last deception will be worse than the first."

C. Pilate gives _____ to secure the tomb – 27:65-66

65 Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how." 66 So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.

Conclusion: Dr. _____ Campolo told of a time he was asked to speak at a Black church on Good Friday, in Philadelphia. When it was time for him to preach, he got up and gave his sermon. He recalled that he was really fired up, and when he was through, he took his seat by the old Black pastor and gave him a smug smile, as if to say, "Beat that one, brother."

The old white-headed man smiled back at him and patted him on the knee, as if to say, "That was good, but you just listen to the old master." He came up to the podium and slowly, in a quiet voice, began.

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