

# The End of the Beginning

Mark 15:33-47

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***“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”***

**1 Corinthians 1:18**



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***“All those who belong to Jesus  
Christ are fastened with Him to  
the cross.”***

**Augustine**



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1 Cor 15:3,4 “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures”

15:33 When the sixth hour came,  
darkness fell over the whole land until  
the ninth hour.

34 At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “ELOI, ELOI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?” which is translated, “MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?”

15:35 When some of the bystanders heard it, they began saying, “Behold, He is calling for Elijah.”

אלי אלי למה עזבתני

ελωι ελωι λεμα σαβαχθανι

**My God – My God Why Am I Forsaken?**

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# Our Sin 33-35

- Darkness – plague of Egypt #9
- Darkness – natural eclipse? Passover!
- Psalm 22:1 – “My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?”
- Misunderstood Jesus – still today!

***“There is no death of sin  
without the death of Christ.”***

**John Owen**



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36 Someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink, saying, “Let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down.”

37 And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and  
breathed His last.

# Our Substitute 36,37

- No sparing the pain – God did not!
- ‘loud cry’ - **“It is finished!”**
- **τετέλεσται**
  - **completed NOT defeated!**

***“Atonement by the blood of Jesus is  
not an arm of Christian truth;  
it is the heart of it.”***

***C.H. Spurgeon***



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15:38 And the veil of the temple was torn  
in two from top to bottom.

39 When the centurion, who was standing right in front of Him, saw the way He breathed His last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

# Our Salvation 38,39

- Veil of the Temple – Tabernacle
- Innocent for the Guilty – a lamb
- Righteous for the Unrighteous! JESUS!
- “if I am lifted up...” – healing w/Moses
- Witness of centurion

***“Leave out the cross,  
and you have killed off  
the Gospel of Jesus.”***

**Charles Spurgeon**



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15:40 There were also some women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the Less and Joses, and Salome.

41 When He was in Galilee, they used to follow Him and minister to Him; and there were many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

42 When evening had already come,  
because it was the preparation day, that  
is, the day before the Sabbath,

43 Joseph of Arimathea came, a prominent member of the Council, who himself was waiting for the kingdom of God; and he gathered up courage and went in before Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus.

44 Pilate wondered if He was dead by this time, and summoning the centurion, he questioned him as to whether He was already dead.

45 And ascertaining this from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.

46 Joseph bought a linen cloth, took Him down, wrapped Him in the linen cloth and laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.

47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses were looking on to see where He was laid.

# Our Sentence 40-47

- Faithful gathered at the Cross
- Thursday or Friday?
- Joseph of Arimathea – believer!
- Time to wrap but not prepare tomb
- Joseph & Nicodemus – where?

***“Let us go to Calvary to learn  
how we may be forgiven.  
And then let us linger there  
to learn how to forgive.”*** Charles  
Spurgeon



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- *“Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning”*
- Beginning of Grace – end of Law
- Beginning of Faith in Jesus - end of lambs & sacrifices
- The Lamb has come – Lion next!

***“If my preaching of this cross  
is not an offense to the natural  
man, I am misrepresenting it.”***

**Martyn Lloyd-Jones**



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