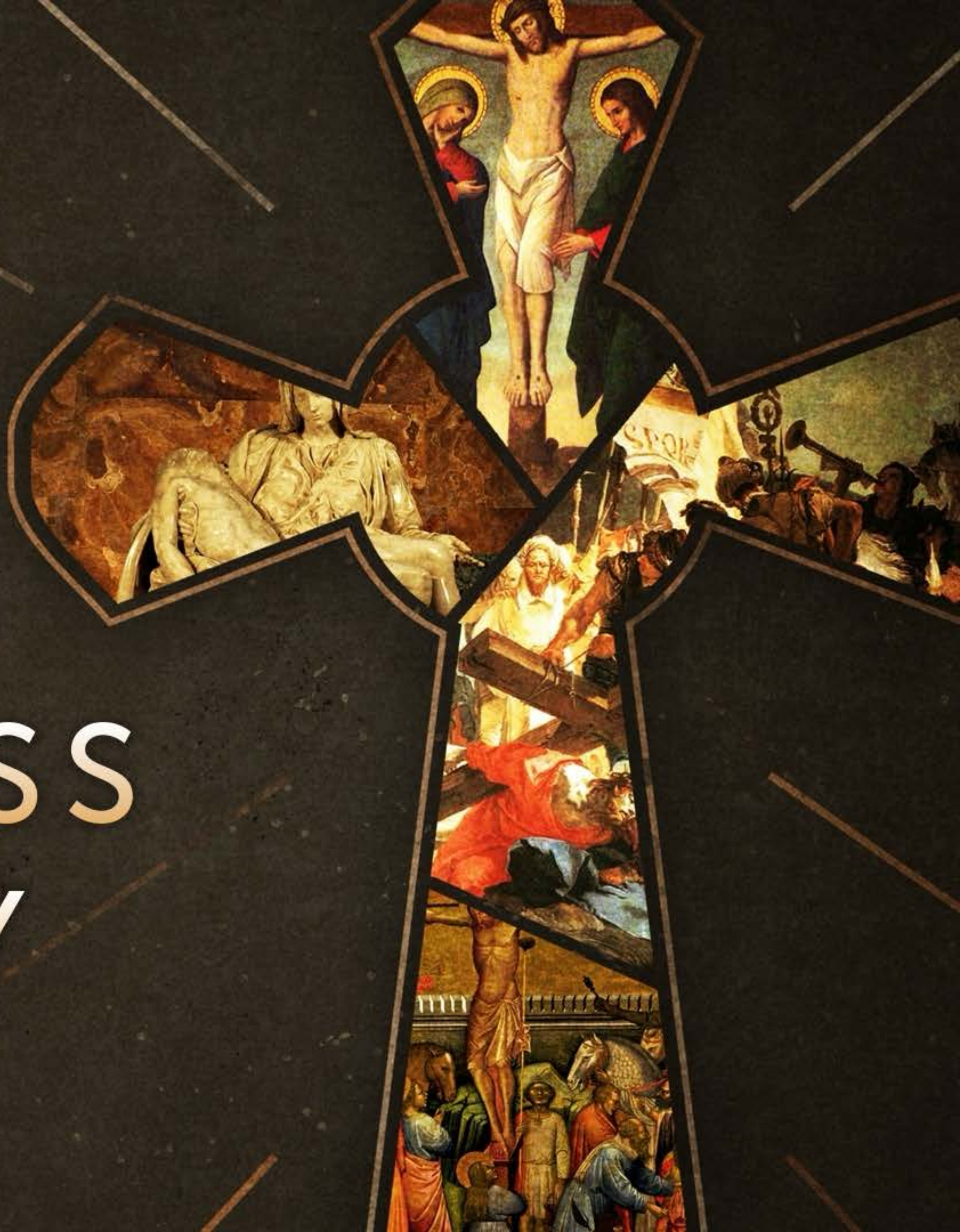


THE DARKNESS OF CALVARY



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

Matthew 27:45–46



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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?"



I. The Darkness of Mourning.



A. Mourning over Sin



21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:21



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B. Mourning over Separation



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II. The Darkness of Wrath.



15 That day is a day of wrath, A day of trouble and distress, A day of devastation and desolation, A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness,

Zephaniah 1:15



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21 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness *which* may even be felt."

Exodus 10:21–23



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22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days.



23 They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.



III. The Darkness of Silence.



44 Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

Luke 23:44–46



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45 Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two.



46 And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, He breathed His last.



9 "And it shall come to pass in that day,"
says the Lord God, "That I will make the
sun go down at noon, And I will darken
the earth in broad daylight;

Amos 8:9–11



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10 I will turn your feasts into mourning,
And all your songs into lamentation; I will
bring sackcloth on every waist, And
baldness on every head; I will make it like
mourning for an only son, And its end like
a bitter day.



11 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord God, "That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the Lord.

