

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

“The Veil is Torn”

Matthew 27:45-51

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- Let's turn to Matthew 27:45-51

- Read the text

“From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land.”

Matthew 27:45 (NIV)

- From noon to three darkness covered the land
 - All the sin of all humanity for all time had been placed on Jesus
- Peter says...

“He Himself [Christ] bore our sins in His body on the tree...”

1 Peter 2:24a (NIV)

- He bore your sin, every offense, every wrong, every ugly godless thing you ever have thought, spoken, or done in your entire life
 - It was all placed on Christ at this moment
- At this moment Jesus cried out in a loud voice...

“About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”—which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Matthew 27:46 (NIV)

- God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit for eternity had experienced perfect fellowship, perfect relationship, perfect unity
 - Now God the Father was removing His presence and favor from God the Son
 - Jesus was absorbing the alienation, and separation that sin causes, for our sake so that we would never have to be separated and alienated from God again
 - Jesus was quoting from Psalm 22, an amazing Messianic Psalm that describes Jesus' suffering on the cross 1,000 years before it happened

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent.” *Psalm 22:1-2 (NIV)*

“Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the praise of Israel. In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.” *Psalm 22:3-4 (NIV)*

“They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed. But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.” *Psalm 22:5-6 (NIV)*

“All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads: ‘He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.’” *Psalm 22:7-8 (NIV)*

“Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast. From birth I was cast upon you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.” *Psalm 22:9-10 (NIV)*

“Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.” *Psalm 22:11-12 (NIV)*

“Roaring lions tearing their prey open their mouths wide against me. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.” *Psalm 22:13-14 (NIV)*

- Traco reads...

“My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.” *Psalm 22:15-16 (NIV)*

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