

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018

MORNING MESSAGE

“Miracles on the Mountain”

Luke 23:44-49

- I. THE DARKNESS OF THE SUN (vv.44-45a)
 - A. The sun was darkened for three hours
 1. The darkness began at the “sixth hour”
 2. The darkness remained until the “ninth hour”
 - B. What caused the darkness?
 1. Some say it was an eclipse
 2. Some say it was a natural phenomenon
 3. It must have been an act of God
 - C. Why was there darkness?
 1. This was the hour when God placed the sin of the world upon His Son
 - a. Isaiah 53:4, “Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted”
 - b. 2 Corinthians 5:21, “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin”
 - c. Galatians 3:13, “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us”
 - d. 1 Peter 2:24, “Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree”
- II. THE DIVISION IN THE SANCTUARY (v.45b)
 - A. The veil in the temple separated God from man
 1. The veil hung between the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies
 2. The veil was the largest curtain in the temple
 - a. It was made of expensive yarn from Babylon
 - b. It was 60 feet long and 30 feet wide
 - c. It was the width of a man’s hand
 3. When Jesus died, the veil was divided in two
 - a. Matthew 27:51, “the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom”
 - B. What does the torn veil mean?
 1. It means we have been provided access into the presence of God because of the shed blood of Jesus
 2. It means you can talk to God face-to-face
- III. THE DEATH OF THE SAVIOR (v.46)
 - A. This is the seventh and final saying of Jesus from the cross
 1. It was a word of security
 - a. Jesus, once again, called God His Father
 2. It was a word of surrender
 - a. “Commend” is a banking term; it means “to deposit for safe keeping”
 3. It is a word of success
 - a. “Gave up the ghost” means He died
 - b. His life was not taken; His life was given

IV. THE DECISION OF THE SPECTATORS (vv.47-49)

A. There were three groups of spectators at the cross

1. Those who were confounded (v.49)
2. Those who were convicted (v.48)
3. Those who were convinced (v.47)
 - a. Matthew 27:54, "Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they greatly feared, saying, Truly this was the Son of God"