

The Death of Jesus

Gospel of Mark Series – Part 50

Scripture text – Mark 15:33-39

Introduction

- For context, Jesus has been on the cross for _____ hours.
- This passage focuses on the emotional and _____ trauma that Jesus experienced.

Part 1: Before

- At noon, there was an _____ that plunged that part of the world into darkness. It lasted until _____.
- 3 possibilities:
 1. The Father wanted to shield his Son from further _____.
 2. The darkness was an expression of the Father's _____.
 3. In Scripture, darkness is often associated with impending _____. By this interpretation, the darkness was an ominous warning for _____.

Part 2: As

- At 3:00 PM, Jesus let out a cry of _____, also called his “death cry.”
- Observations:
 1. By Mark’s account, these are Jesus’ _____ words.
 2. He’s quoting from _____.
 3. He remains fully _____ until the moment of death.
- Interpreting the cry:
 1. Some believe he was invoking Psalm 22 in its _____, making his words, not a cry of _____, but an expression of hope & confidence.
 2. It’s better to interpret his cry as an expression of profound _____ and unfathomable pain.
- We can’t really understand his cry because none of us have been _____ by God. However, we *do* understand the pain of the end or loss of a _____

relationship. Jesus' relationship with the Father was had been _____ & _____.

- The cause of death (per Dr. Frederick Zugibe): Cardiac & respiratory arrest due to hypovolemic _____.

Part 3: After

1. The tearing of the temple curtain
 - a. Conventional view: God was conveying the fact that we now enjoy direct _____ to him anytime we want on the basis of Jesus' atoning death.
 - b. Early church view: God was conveying the fact of his _____ from the temple and all it represented.
2. The Roman soldier's confession
 - a. It's an _____ statement
 - b. It's a _____ statement
 - c. It's an _____ statement
 - d. It's an _____ statement
 - e. It's a _____ statement

Next week: The burial of Jesus