

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#100 – “And Then There Was No Light” – Luke 23:44-49

I. Introduction

A. Extraordinary darkness

1. Noting times when Pastor Don has been in the dark.

B. Miracle at the crucifixion

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C. The Text: Luke 23:44-49

II. Exposition

A. Luke 23:44-45

1. The serious dark – Matt. 27:45; Mark 15:33
2. Confirmed in other historical documents
3. This was not simply an overcast day.
 - a. Took place at Passover – The moon would not have been in position for a lunar eclipse.
4. Tearing of the veil (Second Miracle)
 - a. Background on the veil
 1. Size and weight
 2. Function
 - b. It served as a protection for the people from God.
 - c. Matthew 27:51 and Mark 15:38 add that it was torn from top to bottom.

d. Spiritual meaning

1. Jesus was the final blood offering for sin. Heb. 9:26.

B. Luke 23:46-49

1. The centurion’s statement (A third miracle)
2. “Spectacle,” verse 48 – Perhaps people present who saw something they were not prepared to see.
3. The disciples had to be in a difficult spot.
4. The centurion could not keep his silence (the third miracle), verse 47.
 - a. Was it full repentance? Only God knows for sure.
 - b. He did offer worship, verse 47. There is correspondence to Luke 2:32 and the testimony of Simeon.
5. The other gospel accounts add – “My God, My God, Why have You forsaken me.” – Matt. 27:46; Mark 15:34.
 - a. The breach in the godhead
 - b. Jesus’ address of God as “Father”, vs. 46.
 - c. The importance of God as His Father.
 1. Luke 2:49; 3:22; 22:34; 23:46
6. Quote of Psalm 31:5

III. Points for Reflection

- A. Do not miss the foreboding depth of meaning in regard to darkness descending upon the cross.
 1. Luke 22:53; Amos 8:8-10; Zeph. 1:15; Heb. 10:31
- B. The tearing of the veil meant the end of God’s eclipse before man and paved the way to access to God.
 1. Heb. 9:3,8; Heb. 6:19; 10:19-20; Isaiah 1:18
- C. Into your hands I commit my spirit.
 1. John 10:17-18; 19:30; Acts 7:59; 2 Tim. 1:12