

**Matthew 27:45-46**  
***An Extraordinary Death***  
August 16, 2020 – Rev. Rick Lyon

Intro -

**Matthew 27:45-54** - Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land.

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?”

Some of those who stood there, when they heard *that*, said, “This Man is calling for Elijah!”

Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled *it* with sour wine and put *it* on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink.

The rest said, “Let Him alone; let's see if Elijah will come to save Him.”

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,

and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;

and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

## 1. An Extraordinary Darkness

**v. 45** - Now from the 6th hour until the 9th hour there was darkness over all the land.

**Matthew 8:12** - "They will be thrown outside into the *darkness*, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

**Matthew 22:13** - "Throw him outside, into the *darkness*, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

**Matthew 25:30** - "Throw that worthless servant outside, into the *darkness*, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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#### **Jesus died in the dark so that you can live in the light!**

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**Acts 26:16-18** - "I've appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness... to open their eyes and *turn them from darkness to light*, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins."

**1 John 2:9** - Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in darkness.

**1 Thessalonians 5:5-6** - We don't belong to the night or the darkness. So then, let's not be like others.

**Matthew 5:14-16** - "You're the light of the world... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

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## **2. An Extraordinary Question**

**John 17:5** - "And now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You *before the world was*."

**John 17:22, 24** - "I pray that they may be one, just as We are one. You loved Me before the foundation of the world."

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**John 8:16, 29** - "I'm not alone; I'm with the Father who sent Me... The Father hasn't left Me alone."

**John 16:32** - "The hour is coming and has now come, that you'll be scattered and leave Me alone. And yet I'm not alone, because the Father is with Me."

**Isaiah 59:2** - Your *iniquities* have separated you from your God; and your *sins* have hidden His face from you.

**2 Cor. 5:21** - He (God the Father) made Him who knew no sin (Jesus) to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**Jesus was separated from God so that you'd never have to be.**

**Acts 17:28** - In Him we live and move and have our being.

**Psalms 42:1** - As the deer pants for the water, so my soul thirsts for *God*.

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