

***STUDIES
IN
MARK***



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LESSON 64

MARK 15:33-37

REVIEW MARK 15:20-32

1. Verse 20 - . . . and they led Him away to .
2. Verse 21 - Jesus was too hurt and worn out to carry His cross all the way up the hill of Golgotha. of carried the cross when Jesus could not carry it all the way.
3. Verse 22 - The hill where Jesus was crucified was called . The name meant .
4. Verse 23 - They gave Jesus a drink to deaden His pain. Did Jesus take the drink they offered Him? .
5. Verse 24 - What did the Roman soldiers do with Jesus' clothes? They for them. Did they know God said they would do that? .
6. Verse 25 - What time was it when Jesus was nailed to the cross? .
7. Verse 26 - What did Pilate write over Jesus' cross? .
8. Verse 27 - Jesus was crucified between two bad men. Why were these men crucified? . Was this another prophecy come true? . (Isaiah 53:12)
9. Verse 29.30 - How did the mockers tell Jesus to prove His power? " . . . thyself and ."
10. Verse 31 - Who else made fun of Jesus while He was suffering for their sins? The and . Did they know that Jesus had saved other people? . Did they know why Jesus was letting His enemies crucify Him? .

They did not seem to know that Jesus had power. They did not

know what Jesus had said in John 10:17,18:

“Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.”

“No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself.”

11. Verse 32 - The chief priests read the sign Pilate had written over the cross. They did not like the sign. They did not believe that Jesus was “The King of the Jews.”

The chief priests said that if Jesus came down from the cross they would believe. Had they already seen Jesus do many miracles?

. Did the miracles that Jesus did make them believe in Him? . If He did another miracle now, and came down from the cross, would they believe in Him? . The trouble was that these men did not want to believe. They did not want Him to come down from the cross. They wanted Jesus to stay right there and die. They thought that they could get rid of Him. They did not know Jesus had power to come alive again, even after He was dead and buried.

READ MARK 15:33,34

DARKNESS

1. What are some of the things the Bible says about darkness?

1) Matthew 8:12 - Jesus said that in hell there is .

2) Revelation 16:10 - God will punish the antichrist with terrible judgment. God will pour out the bowl full of His anger on him. It says the kingdom of the beast (the antichrist) is full of .

3) Ephesians 6:12 - There is a kingdom of darkness. Satan, with his many demons, rule the kingdom of darkness. (See Colossians 1:13,14.)

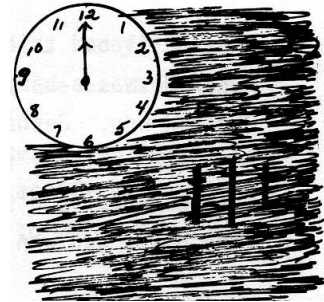
2. The prophets told long ago that some day there would be darkness in the daytime.

Amos 8:9 -"I will cause the sun to go down at noon."

"I will darken the earth in the clear day."

3. **"AND WHEN THE SIXTH HOUR WAS COME, THERE WAS DARKNESS OVER THE WHOLE LAND UNTIL THE NINTH HOUR."** (Mark 15:33)

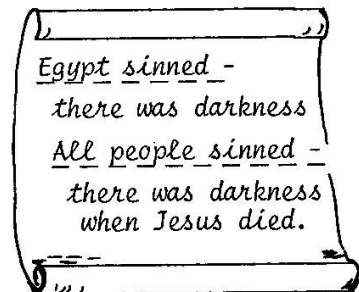
The sixth hour in our time is noon. This is the time when the sun is usually the brightest and hottest. But it suddenly got very dark. The people who stood around the cross could not see each other. They could not see Jesus die on the cross. They were afraid. Some of them beat on their breasts for fear.



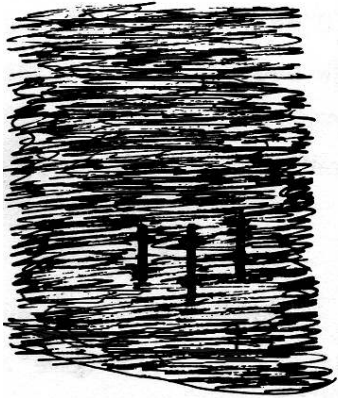
(Luke 23:48) They had asked for a sign from heaven, but they did not expect God to turn out the light of the sun and leave them in total darkness.

4. Why did God send darkness when His Son was dying on the cross?

- 1) When Egypt had sinned against God, He punished the people by sending great darkness in their land. It was so dark that the people could feel the darkness. God did that



because of their sin and disobedience.



All the people of the world have sinned. Could this be one of the reasons God sent darkness over all the land when Jesus was dying on the cross?

- 2) Our God is a holy God. His eyes are too pure to look at sin. When Jesus went to the cross, all the sin and wickedness of the whole world was put on Him. The Lord Jesus carried all of our sins to the cross, and died for them there.

Because God's holy eyes could not look at sin, God had to turn His back on Jesus when He became sin for us. This is why the people heard Jesus cry out in the darkness,

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (verse 34)

- 3) What did Jesus tell the followers of the devil in Luke 22:53?

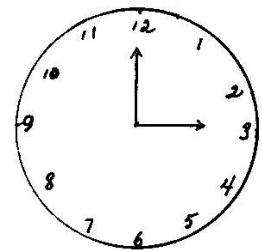
". . . But this is your hour, and the . . ."

We mentioned before that the devil's kingdom is full of darkness. The devil tried to kill the Son of God. He tried to kill Him when He was a baby. He never gave up. Now the devil thought that he had won. Jesus was dying on the cross. When darkness covered the land, likely the devil thought his kingdom of darkness and death had won over God's kingdom of light and life. It looked as though the devil had won his battle. Had the devil really won anything?

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THE DEATH OF JESUS

1. What time was it when Jesus died? (verse 34) the _____ hour. (In our time, the ninth hour would be three o'clock in the afternoon.) Jesus was crucified at nine o'clock in the morning. How many hours had Jesus been hanging on the cross?
2. In verse 34, Jesus called out. In His language, **Eloi** meant **God**. The people who heard Him did not know Jesus was talking to His God, Whom did they think Jesus was calling to help Him? (verse 35)



3. Someone ran to get a sponge full of vinegar for Jesus to drink. (A sponge of vinegar is a sponge soaked with vinegar.) Still the crowd had no pity. They said, (verse 36)

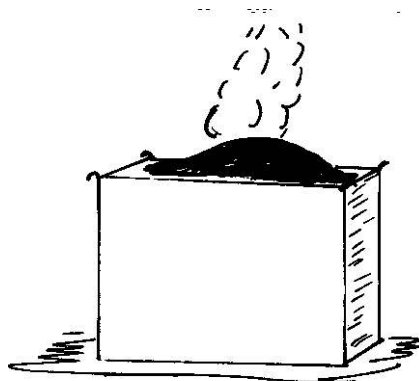
“ ; let us see whether .”

The crowd did not want the man to give Jesus a drink. They were still mocking when they said, “Let’s see if Elijah will come.” The people whom Satan used had asked that a sign be given to them so that they could believe. The sign of darkness was all around them. Still they made fun. Still they did not believe. Truly the darkness was a picture of how dark their minds and their hearts were.

This same darkness of unbelief is all around us today.

“The god of this world (Satan) hath blinded the minds of them that believe not . . .” (2 Corinthians 4:4)

4. At 3 o’clock the priests were killing a sacrifice in the temple. This was the time of the evening sacrifice. The animal’s blood was put on the altar to make a covering for sin.



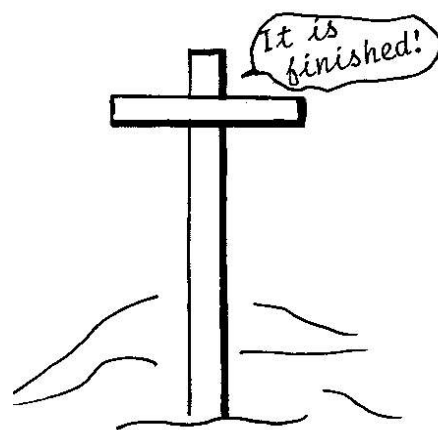
John the Baptist had pointed to Jesus when he said,

“Behold the Lamb of God .”

It was at that very hour that Jesus died on the cross. Never again will

a lamb have to be killed as a sacrifice for sin. Just before Jesus died (Mark 15:37) He gave a loud shout. John 19:30 tells us what Jesus said when He gave that shout. Look up John 19:30

“It is .”



WHAT IS FINISHED?

1. Jesus kept all the Old Testament law. He died to take all the punishment for everyone who had not kept God's laws.
2. The Old Covenant (agreement) sealed with the blood of animals was finished. Jesus made a New Covenant and sealed it with His own blood. (Hebrews 9:15)

"BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

AND

THOU SHALT BE SAVED."

Acts 16:31

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