

Matt 27: 45-50 Week 103

Signs From God

Matt 27:41 In the same way the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, made sport of Him, saying, 42 He rescued others from death; Himself He cannot rescue from death. He is the King of Israel? Let Him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in and acknowledge and cleave to Him. 43 He trusts in God; let God deliver Him now if He cares for Him and will have Him, for He said, I am the Son of God. 44 And the robbers who were crucified with Him also abused and reproached and made sport of Him in the same way. 45 Now from the sixth hour (noon) there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour (three o'clock). 46 And about the ninth hour (three o'clock) Jesus cried with a loud voice, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?--that is, My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me [leaving Me helpless, forsaking and failing Me in My need]? [Ps 22:1.] 47 And some of the bystanders, when they heard it, said, This Man is calling for Elijah! 48 And one of them immediately ran and took a sponge, soaked it with vinegar (a sour wine), and put it on a reed (staff), and was about to give it to Him to drink. [Ps 69:21.] 49 But the others said, Wait! Let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him from death. 50 And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and gave up His spirit. AMP

Scripture is given to us to _____ God and His truth, but many religious people today-- including men who claim to be God's ministers--remain spiritually _____ to this truth.

1. A _____ Sign

- One of them would have a change of heart and come to saving _____.

Rom 10: 9 ...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

- One sign from God is that even while He grieved in giving His son that day, He still had time to offer _____ and grace to a robber...a thief.

2. The _____

- Many rabbis had long taught that darkening of the sun was a _____ of God on the world for an unusually heinous sin.

3. A _____ Sign

- Many who had _____ Christ at the cross later came to trust Him as Savior and Lord.

- By the working of God's sovereign grace, even some of the scoffing, condemning religious leaders came to salvation during the early days of the church, including "a great many of the _____".

Acts 6:7 So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith. NIV

What does the cross teach us about Jesus?

- He was chosen to die, out of God's _____.
- He lived in quiet _____ of His Father's will. Quiet before Pilate. Quiet before Herod.
- He submitted Himself to man's _____ and cross.
- It teaches us about Jesus' _____.

4. The Sign of _____

- A miracle occurred at about the ninth hour, or three o'clock in the afternoon, through an _____ event that might be called sovereign departure, as somehow God was _____ from God.
- In this unique and strange miracle, Jesus was crying out in anguish because of the separation He now experienced from His heavenly Father, for the _____ and only time in all of eternity.
- It is the only time of which we have record that Jesus did not address God as _____.

How could God do this?

- Because Jesus died as a _____ sacrifice for the sins of the world, the righteous heavenly Father had to judge Him fully according to that sin.
- The Father forsook the Son because the Son took upon Himself "our _____, our iniquities" (Isa 53:5).
- Jesus came to teach men perfectly about God, and to be a perfect example of God's holiness and _____.
- He tasted the ultimate horror of a lost soul abandoned by God because of _____.