


Mark 15:33-41

Jesus Appeases the Wrath of God




The Day the World Went Dark

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There was the greatest eclipse of the sun it became night in the sixth hour of the day so that stars even appeared in the heavens. There was a great earthquake in Bithynia and many things were overturned in Nicaea+ (Paul Meier, *Pontius Pilate*, 366).

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On the whole world there pressed a most fearful darkness; and the rocks were rent by an earthquake, and many places in Judea and other districts were thrown down. This darkness Thallus in the third book of his *History*, calls, as appears to me without reason, an eclipse of the sun. For the Hebrews celebrate the Passover on the 14th day according to the moon but an eclipse of the sun takes place only when the moon comes under the sun. And it cannot happen at any other time but in the interval between the first day of the new moon and the last of the old, that is, at their junction: how then should an eclipse be supposed to happen when the moon is almost diametrically opposite the sun? (Julius Africanus*)₃

Jesus Is Forsaken for Us

Mark 15:34-36 At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “ELOI, ELOI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?” which is translated, “MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?”35 When some of the bystanders heard it, they began saying, “Behold, He is calling for Elijah.”36 Someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink, saying, “Let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down.”

Psalm 69:21 They also gave me gall for my food and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

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We Have Access Through God's Son

Mark 15:37-39 And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed His last. 38 And the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. 39 When the centurion, who was standing right in front of Him, saw the way He breathed His last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

Hebrews 9:3 Behind the second veil there was a tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies

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The Witnesses

Mark 15:40-41 There were also some women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the Less and Joses, and Salome. 41 When He was in Galilee, they used to follow Him and minister to Him; and there were many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

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Applications

1. We must know that Jesus' death appeased God's wrath for those who believe.
2. We must realize that through Christ we have access to God!

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1. Jesus Appeased God's Wrath

Mark 15:33 When the sixth hour came, **darkness** fell over the whole land until the ninth hour.

Amos 8:9-10 % will come about in that day, + declares the Lord GOD, %hat I will make the sun go down at noon and **make the earth dark in broad daylight.** 10 %hen I will turn your festivals into mourning and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring sackcloth on everyone's loins and baldness on every head. And I will make it like a time of mourning for an only son, and the end of it will be like a bitter day.

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1. Jesus Appeased God's Wrath

Romans 3:23-26 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; 25 whom **God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith.** This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; 26 for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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2. We Have Access to God Through Christ

Hebrews 10:19-20 Therefore, brethren, **since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, 20** by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, **that is, His flesh, 21** and **since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22** **let us draw near** with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

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