

The Crucifixion within the Crucifixion **Matthew 27:45-46 (4/5/09)**

Over the past five Sundays we have seen Jesus purposefully moving toward the cross. Next Sunday is Easter Sunday which will be a celebration of His resurrection. Today is a contemplation of His crucifixion. The crucifixion is central to our salvation and the fourth saying of Jesus from the cross is central to the crucifixion.

1. The Seven Sayings

Seven Recorded Sayings in Four Gospels

Mark 15:25, Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him.

The times are by Jewish reckoning.

- **9:00 AM (3rd hour) to 12:00 noon (6th hour)**

#1 Luke 23:34, Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

#2 Luke 23:43, And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

#3 John 19:26, When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!"

The First Three Display the _____ of God

- **12:00 noon (6th hour) to 3:00 PM (9th hour)**

#4 Matthew 27:46, 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?" (Also recorded in Mark 15:34)

#5 John 19:28, After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!"

#6 John 19:30, So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

#7 Luke 23:46, And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit." Having said this, He breathed His last.

The Last Four Came In Quick _____

2. The Supernatural Darkness (45)

From 12:00 noon until 3:00 PM

Supernatural light was associated with His birth now supernatural darkness is associated with His death

- **Light is symbolic of salvation and darkness**
- **is symbolic of _____**

There is only one thing that God judges, sin. For three hours of darkness God the Father poured out His judgment for the sin of the world upon Jesus Christ: Isaiah 53:4-5, Romans 4:25, 1 Peter 2:24.

Jesus was Sinless So the Sin He was Judged for was not His Own, It was

3. The Central Saying (46)

The 4th Saying Broke the 3 Hour Silence

- **“Why?” - Jesus’ greatest suffering was not _____**

Compare the 4th saying with Matthew 3:17 & 17:5, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased”

The Beloved Son Became the _____ One

- **“Forsaken” - Sin caused a separation of _____**

This was a separation of fellowship not of essence. This was the fulfillment of Psalms 22.

This Is When the Atonement for My Sin Was _____

- **“Me” – Jesus was personally _____ the sin of the world**

John 1:29, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

1 Peter 3:18, “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God”

God the Father treated Christ as if He were a sinner and Jesus bore our guilt and shame for sin, 2 Corinthians 5:21 & 1 John 2:2.

His is our substitute. His death was an atoning death. Jesus paid

the penalty that God demands for sin. That penalty is death, physical And spiritual. Romans 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death”

This Is the Crucifixion _____ the Crucifixion