

Mark 15:33-41 Putting out the Light

1.

Reading text — [Mark 15:33-41](#)

“Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” which is translated, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” Some of those who stood by, when they heard [that], said, “Look, He is calling for Elijah!”

Then someone ran and filled a sponge full of sour wine, put [it] on a reed, and offered [it] to Him to drink, saying, “Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to take Him down.”

And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last.

Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

So when the centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that He cried out like this and breathed His last, he said, “Truly this Man was the Son of God!”

There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome, who also followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee, and many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.”

2.

3 hours of Darkness over the land! ([Mark 15:33](#))

Archaeological discoveries relating to this supernatural darkness

2 from South / Egypt

Dionysius - Greek scientist living in Egypt. recorded experiencing this darkness while in the city of Heliopolis (*irony name means City of the Sun*)

Diogenes - Greek scientist living in Egypt. “*Either the Deity himself suffers at this moment, or sympathizes with one that does.*”

1 from North / Turkey.

Phlegon of Tralles, Greek from Asia Minor - Employed as a Roman historian by Emperor Hadrian - authored several books.

recorded that in the fourth year of the 202nd Olympiad, there was an great and remarkable eclipse of the sun above anything that happened before: at the sixth hour the day turned into night, so that the stars in heaven were seen; and a great earthquake shook the Roman province of Bithynia (*NW Turkey*), and that many of the houses in Nicea were toppled.

Early church writers: Origen and Eusebius both quote the writing of Phlegon

3.

The Theme of Darkness and Light

From the beginning to the end of the Bible

[Isa 9:2](#) “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.”

Zecharias — while Jesus is in the womb

[[Luk 1:76, 78-79](#) NKJV] “Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Simeon — Jesus as an infant

[[Luk 2:30-32](#) NKJV] 30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation 31 Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, 32 A light to [bring] revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.”

Jesus begins His ministry

[[Mat 4:16](#) KJV] The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

Jesus affirms He is the Light of the world

[[Jhn 8:12](#) NKJV] Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

[[Jhn 12:35](#), 46 NKJV] 35 Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. ... 46 "I have come [as] a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.

[Rev.21:23-25](#) “The city had **no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it**, for **the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light**.. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light... there shall be **no night there.**”

4.

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? ([Mark 15:34](#))

Sin separates man from God

Jesus took our sin onto Himself

5.

[[Jhn 9:5](#) NKJV] "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

11.

Veil of the Temple torn in two ([Mark 15:38](#))

60ft. high, 30 ft. wide, 4 inches thick

Separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies

6.

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[[Heb 10:19-20](#) NKJV] Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,

7.

The Centurion believes ([Mark 15:39-41](#))

8.

Darkness = evil, sin, deceit, corruption, death

Light = good, righteous, truth, freedom, life

Hell = blackness of darkness forever ([2 Pe 2:17](#); [Jde 1:13](#))

Heaven = God dwells in unapproachable light ([1 Tim 6:16](#))

9.

God sets us free and calls us out of the darkness and into His light

[\[Act 26:18 NKJV\]](#) 'to open their eyes, [in order] to turn [them] from darkness to light, and [from] the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'

[\[Eph 5:8 NKJV\]](#) For you were once darkness, but now [you are] light in the Lord.
Walk as children of light

[\[1Pe 2:9 NKJV\]](#) But you [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, **that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;**

[\[Jhn 8:12 NLT\]](#) 12 Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."

[\[2Co 4:3-4 NKJV\]](#) But even if our gospel is **veiled**, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has **blinded**, who do not believe, lest the **light of the gospel** of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should **shine** on them.