

## Easter 3

### Good Friday

It's interesting, when we talk about the impacts of the crucifixion we usually talk about the eternal results and most often from our perspective. Jesus died to deal with my sins, Jesus death made atonement for my wrongs etc.

But look at it from a there and then perspective.

#### 1. Darkness

Mat 27:45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.

Darkness – The light went out of the sky. IN the middle of the day? Something is going on here.

#### 2. Jesus cry's out.

Mat 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

God forsaking this man who was His son? God forsaking or turning His back on His son, His chosen one, the messiah. Jesus is God Himself. How's that work

#### 3. People question what's happening – They think it to be mystic.

Mat 27:47 And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah."

Mat 27:48 And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him

to drink.

Mat 27:49 But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

Something not natural is happening, so they attribute it to mysticism or the prophecies of the past.

#### **4. Strange natural events.**

Mat 27:51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

How did that work?

Earth quakes

Rocks splitting - Just at this particular time!!

#### **5. Supernatural events**

Mat 27:52 The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised,

Mat 27:53 and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

Now this is weird stuff. Dead people coming back to life, this Jesus event had an impact on what was happening around town. I'm not sure we get that. I'm not sure we understand the immediate impact of Jesus death. The world was rocked. Normality was shattered. Eternity was changed.

Now this is on a big scale. But the reality is - individuals were impacted.

#### **6. Lives Changed.**

Mat 27:54 When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

If we had seen the events what would our reaction have been? The centurion, not a Jew, not necessarily religious at all, a big tough dude. This must be God. This must be God's son. Interesting conclusion.

What is our conclusion? Do we just write it off as being ancient interpretation of events. Do we see God's hand in it all.

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**Mat 27:55** There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him,

**Mat 27:56** among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Now we know the disciples did the bolt and ran away but some followers stayed. The faithful ones.

The question is are we in this category?