

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

MORNING MESSAGE

The End of the Beginning

“Miracles on the Mountain”

Luke 23:44-49

- I. THE DARKNESS OF THE SUN (vv.44-45a)
 - A. When was the sun darkened?
 - B. What caused the sun to be darkened?
 - C. Why was the sun darkened?
 1. Isaiah 53:4, “Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows, yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted”
 2. 2 Corinthians 5:21, “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin”
 3. Galatians 3:13, “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us’
 4. 1 Peter 2:24, “Who his own self bare our sins in his body on the tree”
- II. THE DIVISION OF THE SCREEN (v.45b)
 - A. What is the veil of the temple?
 - B. What happened to the veil?
 - C. Why was the veil torn?
- III. THE DEATH OF THE SAVIOR (v.46)
 - A. It was a word of security – “Father, into thy hands”
 - B. It was a word of surrender – “I commend my spirit”
 - C. It was a word of success – “He gave up the ghost”
- IV. THE DECISION OF THE SPECTATORS (vv.47-49)
 - A. There were three groups of spectators
 1. Those who were convinced – “Certainly this was a righteous man” (v.47)
 2. Those who were convicted – “Smote their breasts, and returned” (v.48)
 3. Those who were constant – “And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee” (v.49)
 - B. The focus is on the first group – the convinced (v.47)
 1. What is a centurion?
 2. What did the centurion do?

3. What did he say?