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WHY DARKNESS?

- 1) The creation itself was showing its respect for the Son of God.
- 2) It was a sign of God's disgust with the blackest of all crimes.
- 3) It was meant to picture the spiritual blindness of God's people, Israel, who crucified the Prince of Life, their Messiah.
- 4) But the most clearly biblical reason was to show the judgment of God against sin.
 - Is. 13:10-11; Amos 8:9-10

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THE SEVEN LAST SAYINGS OF CHRIST

- Between 9 am and noon...
 - 1) Jesus prayed out loud, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34).
 - 2) He spoke to [the repentant thief] and said, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43).
 - 3) When Jesus said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" 27 Then He said to John the apostle, "Behold, your mother!" (John 19:26-27).
- About 3 pm – the final four

JESUS & THE FATHER

- As he began his ministry 3 years before:
 - Matt. 3:17 "a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."
- At the Transfiguration, just a few months before the crucifixion:
 - Matt. 17:5 - While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is the Son I love, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!"
- During the Last Supper the previous night:
 - John 16:32 - "Behold, an hour is coming, and has *already* come, for you to be scattered, each to his own *home*, and to leave Me alone; and *yet* I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

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WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?

- Ps. 22:3 – for You are holy, O You who are enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- Is. 59:2 – But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden *His* face from you so that He does not hear.
- Rom. 3:25-26 – 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 Cor. 5:21 – [God] made Him [that is, Jesus] who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
- Gal. 3:13 – He became “a curse for us.”
- 1 Pet. 2:24 – and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross.
- 2 Th. 1:9 – These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power...

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- III. A Miraculous Death (37)
 - John 19:30 - Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!"
 - Luke 23:46 - And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT."

“HE BREATHED HIS LAST”

- Matt. 27:50 - “Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up His spirit.”
- Mark 15:37 - “And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed His last.”
- John 19:30 - “Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.”
- John 10:11, 17-18
- 1 John 3:16 - We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us.