

LUKE Lesson 65

A Dark World Without Christ / The Veil of the Temple; Access to God (Luke 23:44-46)

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We can somewhat understand the men and women who were present the day of our Lord's crucifixion (the weeping women, Barabbas, Simon the Cyrenian, the malefactors, the Roman soldiers, etc.) because we are like them (1 Cor 2:11). It is much more difficult for us to know the mind and heart of Jesus Christ, the Son of God (1 Cor 2:16). We have much to learn about our Lord. The events which occurred while He hung on the cross reveal the great importance of His sacrifice, which was necessary for our redemption and the redemption of all His creation.

THE SUN WAS DARKENED

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World and the Light of Life (John 8:12). This verse reveals to us that a world without Him would be outer darkness forever.

God gave us a picture of this darkness when He caused Egypt to endure a darkness that could be felt for three days (Exodus 10:21-23).

It was not a localized darkness such as an eclipse. It was "**over all the earth**" (Luke 23:44).

When the Light of the World suffered the Wrath of Almighty God for the sins of the world, He cried "**My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?**" (Mt 27:46, Mk 15:34) —and the Light went out.

When He cried "**It is finished!**" (John 19:30), the lights came back on because His payment was accepted by God and atonement was made for our sins. Believers in Christ have been spared from outer darkness (Mt 8:12). Jesus said, "**I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.**" (Jn 12:46). Jesus Christ took our place in darkness, so that we can live in His marvelous light (Mt 17:2, Acts 22:6, Isaiah 60:19-20, Rev 21:23).

Job describes the darkness of Hell that awaits a person who dies without The Savior (**Job 10:20-22**).

THE VEIL OF THE TEMPLE WAS RENT IN THE MIDST

The veil "**was rent in twain from the top to the bottom**" (Matthew 27:50). This signifies that God, through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ, has opened the way for all men to have direct fellowship with Him at His throne of grace (Heb 4:16).

Our sins had separated us from God (Isaiah 59:2). But just as the king permitted his beloved Esther to come into his inner court (Esther 5:2), when God tore the veil of the temple from top to bottom, it signified that He welcomed all who would come to Him.

Hebrews 6:17-20 describes the refuge we have as believers, safe and secure inside the veil with Jesus Christ making intercession for us before the Father.

Hebrews 10:19-22 calls for full assurance of faith, which will give you boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus. By faith you can enter the veil and approach the Mercy Seat where your Intercessor is seated and make your requests known unto God.

God wants to have fellowship with man (Gen 3:8-9, Gen 5:24, James 2:23). The fellowship that God had with Adam and Eve was broken by their sin. God covered their sin with coats of skins (and the shedding of blood), but the fellowship was broken.

Jesus Christ brought God and man together again by His sacrifice on the cross. By His blood, you can walk into the presence of God and fellowship with Him.
