

The Saddest Day in History

Matthew 27:45-54

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Introduction:

- **2nd Timothy 3:16-17**
 - **Matthew 27:45-54**
 - We can all think of days in history that were sad ...
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1. The Sixth to the Ninth Hour:

- Matthew 27:45-46**
- Greek – **Skotos** ... English – **Darkness** ... Which means ... “A condition resulting from a complete absence of light.”
- Greek - **Pas** ... English – **All** ... “Everything, All ... the Whole of it.”
- Luke 22:52-53**
- Amos 5:18**
- Amos 5:20**
- Matthew 25:30**
- 1st Thessalonians 5:4-7**
- Isaiah 9:2**
- 1st John 1:5-7**
- 2nd Corinthians 4:4-7**
- 1st Peter 2:9**
- Philippians 2:5-7**
- Matthew 27:46**
- What had Jesus experienced from Gethsemane to this account in the Bible?
 - The Pressure of Fear
 - The Pressure of Loneliness
 - The Pressure of Silence
 - The Mock Trials
 - Pilate
 - Being Flogged – Beaten
 - Three Hours of Darkness

2. It is Finished!”

- John 19:28-30**
- Greek word for ... **Finished** ... is ... **Teleo** – (Ta-lay-o) – Which means, “Finished ... Complete ... Accomplished ... Paid-In-Full.”
- Matthew 27:50**
- Five things to think of when we read – “It is Finished!”
 - This was a shout of Victory!
 - Jesus willingly gave up His Spirit – **John 10:17-18**
 - Jesus gave up His Spirit on the Ninth Hour.
 - The Veil was Torn.
 - The Earthquake.



- e. When Jesus said, “It is Finished!” We know what it meant to Him ... But what does it mean to you?

3. The Centurion:

- a. **Matthew 27:54**
- b. Some, who do not believe, say that a Roman Centurion would not have said this ... Consider the following:
 - i. The Romans would have had spies around Jesus.
 - ii. This Centurion’s unit may have been assigned to Jesus – **Matthew 8:5-10**
 - iii. The Centurion would have seen crucifixions before – But not like this one.