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A Friday to Remember

Luke 23:44–49 (HCSB)

*It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three,⁴⁵ because the sun's light failed. The curtain of the sanctuary was split down the middle.⁴⁶ And Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, **into Your hands I entrust My spirit.**" Saying this, He breathed His last.⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what happened, he began to glorify God, saying, "This man really was righteous!"⁴⁸ All the crowds that had gathered for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, went home, striking their chests.⁴⁹ But all who knew Him, including the women who had followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.*

1. BEFORE THE CRUCIFIXION, _____ PREVAILED vv 44-45a

- This darkness was _____.

Luke 22:52–53 (HCSB)

Then Jesus said to the chief priests, temple police, and the elders who had come for Him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a criminal?"⁵³ Every day while I was with you in the temple complex, you never laid a hand on Me. But this is your hour - and the dominion of darkness."

- Darkness represents that moment that Christ took on our sin.
- Darkness is still present for those blinded by the _____.

2. THE CROSS _____ FULL ACCESS TO GOD v 45b

- The curtain preventing full access to God was _____ top to bottom.

Matthew 27:51 (HCSB)

Suddenly, the curtain of the sanctuary was split in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked and the rocks were split.

- The cross gives us full _____ to God.

Hebrews 10:19–20 (HCSB)

Therefore, brothers, since we have boldness to enter the sanctuary through the blood of Jesus,²⁰ by a new and living way He has opened for us through the curtain (that is, His flesh).

Romans 5:1–2 (HCSB)

Therefore, since we have been declared righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.² We have also obtained access through Him by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

3. WITH HIS FINAL WORDS, JESUS _____ TO THE FATHER'S PLAN v 46

Jesus quotes scripture Psalm 31:5 (HCSB)

Into Your hand I entrust my spirit; You redeem me, LORD, God of truth.

- That last breath was taken _____.

John 10:17–18 (HCSB)

This is why the Father loves Me, because I am laying down My life, so I may take it up again.¹⁸ No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down on My own. I have the right to lay it down, and I have the right to take it up again. I have received this command from My Father."

Hebrews 9:14 (HCSB)

How much more will the blood of the Messiah, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to serve the living God?

- The price of our _____ was paid in full.

Romans 5:6–8 (HCSB)

For while we were still helpless, at the appointed moment, Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ For rarely will someone die for a just person—though for a good person perhaps someone might even dare to die.⁸ But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!

4. THOSE PRESENT UNDERSTOOD THE _____ OF THE MOMENT vv 47-49

- The centurion present _____.
- The crowds present _____.

Luke 18:13 (HCSB)

"But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even raise his eyes to heaven but kept striking his chest and saying, 'God, turn Your wrath from me - a sinner!'

- The followers present took it all in, trying to make sense of it all.