



The Death of Christ Luke 23:44-56

Something to Start Us Off

- Before we look at the death of Jesus, do you have anything you want to say about death that might set the stage for our discussion?

Something to Notice

- Name the supernatural signs Luke records at this section's beginning. (vv.44-45)
- What did Jesus say just before he died? (v.46)
- How did the centurion respond to the death of Christ? (v.47)
- Who asked Pilate for the body of Jesus? (vv.50-52) What else do we learn about him?

Something to Understand

Customarily, the bodies of crucified criminals were left on their crosses to rot or be eaten by wild animals. But the Jews wanted no such horror displayed during the Passover season, and Romans were known to grant the corpses to friends or relatives for proper burial. (From David Guzik – *Enduring Word*)

- What significance, if any, do you think the darkness at the beginning of this section might have had?
- How about the tearing of the curtain of the temple? What meaning do you suppose that occurrence had?
- Comment on the words Christ utters from the cross. Do they tell us anything about Christ's attitude toward his death?
- Check out John 19:38-42 for some additional information about the burial of Christ. In what way would you say the part these men play in this story is important?

Something to Take Home

- After looking at this section of Luke 23, what strikes you most about the death of Christ?
- Is there anything else this look at Luke 23:44-56 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?