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The Final Payment
Luke 23:44-49

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1. Understand _____ (vv.44-46)

Luke 23:44 It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, **45** while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. **46** Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. **47** Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!"

2. Value _____ (v.45b)

48 And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. **49** And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things. (ESV)

3. Rightly _____ (vv.47-49)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Isaiah 59:9-10**; **Jeremiah 13:16** and **Revelation 6:12-17**. Why is darkness such a powerful and effective image of the problem of sin and its judgment?
2. Read **1 Thessalonians 1:8-10**. How is the gospel distorted and the response less-than-biblical when the profound and costly payment of the cross is not adequately presented and considered?
3. Read **Hebrews 6:17-20** and **10:19-23**. How does this "temple veil" imagery help you to press on to know God better and appreciate the work of Christ more fully?
4. Read **2 Corinthians 7:8-11**. Explain how and why some people might feel bad about the injustice of Christ's death or even their own sin but fail to truly repent.

This Week's Compass 20/20 Discussion Question

- Read **Colossians 1:12-14**. In what way could a thoughtful consideration of the life-changing (darkness to light) impact of the gospel affect how you pray and sacrifice for Compass 20/20?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 14-12 – **The Darkest Friday**
Msg. 13-09 – **A Torn Curtain**
Msg. 06-32 – **Why Don't We Have a Temple?**
Msg. 06-34 – **Why Don't We Have to Keep All Those Old Testament Ceremonies?**
Msg. 06-35 – **What's with All the Animal Sacrifices, and Why No More?**
Msg. 16-35 – **Astonished at God's Amazing Grace**
Msg. 08-15 – **How to Get Eternal Life: The Only Right Response**

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

January 6th

Gen. 15-17 & Mt. 5:27-48

January 7th

Gen. 18-19 & Mt. 6

January 8th

Gen. 20-22 & Mt. 7

January 9th

Gen. 23-24 & Mt. 8

January 10th

Gen. 25-26 & Mt. 9:1-17

January 11th

Gen. 27-28 & Mt. 9:18-38

January 12th

Gen. 29-30 & Mt. 10:1-23

January 13th

Gen. 31-32 & Mt. 10:24-42

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Brown, William. **The Tabernacle: Its Priests and Its Services**. Reprint. Hendrickson Publishing, 1996.
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Packer, J. I. and Mark Dever. **In My Place Condemned He Stood**. Crossway Books, 2008.
Stott, John R. W. **The Cross of Christ**. InterVarsity Press, 1986.
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