



Part 50

The Death of the King

Mark 15:33 – 41

SUPERNATURAL DARKNESS

God is often referred to in terms of ***light***

Psalm 27:1 – The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear?

Psalm 18:28 – You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light.

Isaiah 10:17 – The Light of Israel will become a fire, their Holy One a flame...

Isaiah 60:1 – Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

God is also spoken of as ***darkness***

Genesis 15:12 – As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him.

Exodus 10:21 & 22 – ²¹ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that darkness spreads over Egypt—darkness that can be felt.”

²² So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days. ²³ No one could see anyone else or move about for three days. Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived.

Exodus 19:16 – 18 & 20:18 – 21 – ^{19:16} On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. ¹⁷ Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸ Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the Lord descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently.

^{20:18} When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

²¹ The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

Darkness symbolizes _____

Darkness is the ultimate form of God’s presence in judgment. John MacArthur

1 Corinthians 5:21 – God made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we would become the righteousness of God. (NET)

THE CURTAIN IN THE TEMPLE WAS TORN OPEN

“This is the sacrifice that ends all sacrifices; the way is now open to everyone who wants to come to me.”

THE CENTURION’S CONFESSION

v. 34 – And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice . . .

vs. 35 & 36 – When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah.”

³⁶ Someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down,” he said.

v. 37 – “With a loud voice, Jesus breathed his last.”

John 10:18 – No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

Luke 23:46 & John 19:30 – Jesus called out with a loud voice, “It is finished.” “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he bowed his head and breathed his last.

Mark 15:39 – And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”

John 20:30 & 31 – These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.