

Matthew 27:45-50

My God! My God! Why?

Unfathomable darkness ...

I. Creation's Testimony

II. Christ's Lament

III. Christians' Consolation

... incomprehensible love.

Children, Listen ...

1. What strange thing happened for 3 hours while Jesus was on the cross?
2. How was it possible that God's Son felt forsaken by His Father in Heaven?
3. It is hard for us to think of how terrible that must have been for Jesus. Why was He willing to have that happen?
4. How do Jesus' very last words let us know that Jesus knew the Father was right there with Him after all?

Light in the Darkness

It is high noon, but darkness veils the entire scene surrounding the Son of God hanging on a Roman cross. Creation itself testifies to the horror of the moment. At the very same time Jesus is experiencing the deepest darkness of His very soul, a sense of forsakenness by His Father in Heaven. If ever there was a bottom to the descent "into Hell" that the Savior underwent, this had to have been it. The culmination of all his suffering for the sake of sinners took him to the point of being consumed by the blackest darkness of broken fellowship with the Father. For three hours the figure of the crucified Christ was obscured by nature's lament, but the love of Jesus shined brighter than the noonday sun in that incomprehensible act of self-sacrifice for the good of our souls.