

Introduction: *Everything about the awful crucifixion of Christ is wonderful...*

I. Two Amazing Signs Defining the Crucifixion

A. *There was a Divine Darkness...a certain sign of judgment...*

1. Hell is a place of complete darkness... *Jude 6; Matthew 25:30; 8:12*
2. Heaven is a place of “inherent” light... *Revelation 21:23-25; 22:5*
3. The darkness meant only one thing...God’s judgment of sin...

Lesson: Christ has done enough... *John 19:30 cf. I John 2:3*

B. *There was the Divine tearing of the curtain... it meant access to God...*

1. Here is Gospel joy... *Hebrews 10:19-22*
2. Heaven itself now lies open to our wondering eyes...

II. Christ’s Final Words of Commitment...

A. *They demonstrate His unwavering faith...*

B. *They are taken from Scripture... Psalm 31*

C. *God the Son prays to God the Father...*

1. Think of their unbroken, intimate fellowship leading up to the cross... *John 17:10, 21; Luke 22:42*
2. His first words from the cross began with Father, so His last words...

D. *They Point to His Willing and Voluntary Sacrifice and Death...*

1. Christ foretold that he would be in the hands of wicked men... *Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:33-34; Matthew 26:45-46; Luke 24:6-7*
2. He could have avoided death on the cross... *Matthew 26:53*
3. He died of His own free will... *John 10:17-28; Matthew 27:50; John 19:30*
4. His death on the cross was necessary... *Hebrews 2:14; Colossians 1:20*

Lesson: What a savior! *Galatians 6:14*

E. Words of Confident Victory...

Observation: Jesus victoriously came to rest in His Father’s hands... *Hebrews 12:2*

III. Reactions to the Crucifixion and Death of Christ...

A. *The Centurion...*

B. *The Crowds...*

C. *His followers...*

Application: