

Mark 15:33–34
Jesus' Death was Hell
May 29, 2011
Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction

- A. "Scariest Environment Imaginable"
- B. There are Appropriate Times to Scare People

Matthew 10:28

²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

- C. Hell is Bad but Jesus is Wonderful

Key Idea

Jesus took our terrifying darkness, our weeping, our futility, our pain and utter forsakenness on himself at the cross. Run to him for the only shelter from the coming storm!

II. Hell is Terrifying

- A. Hell is All about God's Wrath

Romans 2:6–8

⁶ He will render to each one according to his works: ⁷ to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; ⁸ ***but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.***

- B. God's Wrath is Terrifying

Revelation 6:15–17

¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ calling to the mountains and rocks, "***Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne,***

and from the wrath of the Lamb,¹⁷ for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”

C. Some Pictures of God’s Wrath

1. Outer Darkness, Grief & Futility

2 Peter 2:17

¹⁷ These [false teachers] are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm. For them the gloom of **utter darkness** has been reserved.

Matthew 25:30

³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the **outer darkness**. In that place there will be *weeping* and *gnashing of teeth*.’

2. Grief, Futility, Pain & Eternal Death

Matthew 13:40–43

⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the **fiery furnace**. In that place there will be *weeping* and *gnashing of teeth*. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Revelation 20:14–15

¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵ And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the **lake of fire**.

III. Jesus Endured Hell for Us

A. The Darkness was a Sign of God’s Judgment

Mark 15:33

³³ And when the *sixth hour* [noon] had come, there was **darkness** over the whole land until the *ninth hour*. [3pm]

“The darkness meant judgment, the judgment of God upon our sins, his wrath as it were burning itself out in the very heart of Jesus, so that he, as our Substitute, suffered most intense agony, indescribable woe, terrible isolation or forsakenness. Hell came to Calvary that day, and the Savior descended into it and bore its horrors in our stead.”¹

1. The Use of Darkness in Scripture
2. The Stated Purpose of Jesus’ Ministry

Mark 10:45

⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a **ransom** for many.”

John 1:29, 35-36

²⁹ The next day he [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, *the Lamb of God*, who takes away the sin of the world! ...

³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, *the Lamb of God!*”

3. The Cry of Agony

B. The Cry of Agony

Mark 15:34

³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*” which means, “*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*”

Psalm 22:1–2

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? ² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

Psalm 22:27–31

¹ Hendriksen, W., & Kistemaker, S. J. (1953-2001). *Vol. 10: New Testament commentary: Exposition of the Gospel According to Mark*. New (660). Grand Rapids: Baker Book House.

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. ²⁸ For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. ²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; *before him* shall bow all who go down to the dust, *even the one who could not keep himself alive.* ³⁰ Posterity shall serve *him*; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; ³¹ they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that **he has done it.**

IV. Summary & Application

As **Martin Luther** wrote, “Most necessary is it that we know [the gospel] well, teach it to others, and beat it into their heads continually.”²

- A. **Humility:** At the Cross We See the Hell We Deserve
- B. **Worship:** At the Cross We See the Love of God We Don't Deserve

“The good news of the gospel is not that God makes much of us, but that God frees us to make much of Jesus.” – **Bob Thune and Will Walker**²

² **The Gospel-Centered Life: Leader's Guide** First edition electronically published 2009 by World Harvest Mission.