

I would like to read from Matthew and John; the gospel accounts of the death of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The fulfillment of Genesis 3:15 took place on the hill of Golgotha, when Jesus, the Promised Seed of the woman crushed the head of Satan by His death on the cross.

The 2nd Adam did not fail to redeem fallen man because of the sin of the 1st Adam! In His death, Jesus defeated Satan and took away all power over fallen humanity and decimated his kingdom. Once Jesus made atonement for the sins of the world, there was only to await the crown jewel of His life and death, His resurrection from the grave! Death could not keep Him! Jesus, the son of Mary, the Son of God had come into the world and lived without sin, a perfect and sinless life, and then died for the sins of the world. Consider the 1st Adam and 2nd Adam.

Romans 5:12-21

Jesus was tested, proved, tempted by the wicked one; called a devil by those to whom He was sent; He was threatened and reviled; and at the end of His public ministry, he was falsely accused by His own people of perverting the nation and people whom He came to save. But in all of what happened, there was never any sin found in Him.

The chief priests and Pharisees, the servants of Satan, relentlessly attacked and tempted him throughout His public ministry, but they could not prevail. The wicked one himself failed to find any sin in Jesus!

Luke 4:13, John 14:30

The more they came after and attacked Him, the more His perfection, beauty, and the more did the glory of God shine forth from His life.

This morning, we find ourselves in those last hours of His life, and then, in His final three hours.

Consider what had just happened in His life: Judas had betrayed Him, Peter had denied Him, most of His own apostles forsook Him; they scattered and ran when He was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane:

Now, He was all alone; and that is how His death must be; Jesus MUST die alone for the sins of the world. There would be no angels helping Him, and there would be no help from His heavenly father. Hebrews 1:1-3

Matthew 27:33-56, John 19:25-30

In His sufferings and death, Jesus bore and carried the penalty for the sins of the world in Himself! Isaiah 53:4-12

No other man could accomplish what Jesus did in His life, and in His sufferings and death. No other man could present Himself to God after living a perfect and sinless life, (one who kept the law perfectly) and then offer Himself as a sacrifice to God for the sins of the world!

He presented Himself to God as a Lamb without blemish and without spot; body and soul; He offered up to God His whole man; that justice might be done against Him for the sins of

the world! He was THAT final and accepted sacrifice, that whole burnt offering for the sins of the people! And to this day; so many seek to please God by their own faulty works and their own righteousness's when God has provided His own Son as only acceptable sacrifice for sinners! Consider what God thinks when sinners present themselves to Him their own way and on their own terms; this, after refusing Jesus, whom God sent to be the Saviour of the world? Jesus is the Only One who could ever reconcile God and sinful man! He is the Only One who could bear and carry your sins (make atonement your sins) to the satisfaction of God!

To refuse Christ is the sinner telling God; No! I know better than you! I will handle my life MY WAY! I will do what I think is right; no one tells me what to do! No one tells me that I need to be saved and no one tells me how to be saved.

Proverbs 14:12

If you're lost this morning, and you refuse Christ; understand that there is no other way of salvation! There is no other Saviour of sinners, there is no other propitiation but in the death of Christ!

John 14:6, Matthew 11:27-30, Acts 4:10-12, 1 John 5:11-13

**The atonement accomplished/finished: (Three hours of darkness);
Matthew 27:45-50.**

The atonement/propitiation for the sins of the world was a transaction that took place between the Father and the Son; no human eye would behold it.

From the 6th hour, there was darkness over all the land until the 9th hour. Luke 23:44-45 tells us that the whole earth was in darkness:

And it was about the sixth hour, (12 noon), and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst

It was as if God was telling the world that His Only Begotten Son was dying for the sins of the world. Adam's sin had brought a curse upon all of humanity and the creation; now Jesus, the 2nd Adam; the Son of Man became a curse for us! Galatians 3:13 These three hours of darkness were a darkness like no other; it was this darkness that Jesus considered while He was praying in Gethsemane before His arrest. This was The Cup that He feared!

Jesus drank the full cup of the wine of the wrath of God against sinners, it was poured out without mixture into the cup of God's indignation.

We often equate darkness with the absence of God; but from the 6th to the 9th hour, God entered that darkness as both Judge and Executioner! What Jesus experienced in this darkness can only be described as the terrifying presence of God!

In these three hours, Jesus suffered eternal damnation, as only He could for sinners.

In this darkness, Jesus would be comforted and helped by none; this was not like Gethsemane, there would be no angels to strengthen Him. After Gethsemane, Jesus was delivered up into the hands of sinful men; but on the cross, Jesus was delivered

up to the indignation, fury, and wrath of Almighty God for the sins of the world.

And at the 9th hour: Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sa-bach-tha-ni? That is to say, My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?

The light returned; Jesus (forsaken of God) had suffered the wrath of God for a world of sinners! John 19:28-30

If you would be saved from your sins and from the tyranny of Satan over your life, you must see your sins atoned for in the sufferings and death of Jesus on the cross of Calvary!

When Jesus said: It is finished: and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost. It was at that moment that redemption had finally been accomplished!

The prophecy of Genesis 3:15 was fulfilled; Jesus heel was bruised, and Satan's head was crushed. He was conquered by the Stronger Man, (The God Man) and by the Promised Seed who had come to be the Saviour of the world!

We, beloved of God, who believe in Christ today, in 2020, look back into the history of the Kingdom of God, knowing and believing ALL THAT WAS WRITTEN of Him. KNOWING and BELIEVING that when He entered into that three hours of darkness, He was bearing and carrying our sins in His own body on that tree; and when He cried ÒIT IS FINISHEDÓ, atonement, reconciliation between God and man had been accomplished for our sins!

We were redeemed by the blood of the Lamb!

Now, Christian, because Jesus was forsaken of God, you will never be:

Hebrews 13:5, 1 Timothy 1:15