

# **Sometimes it Makes Me Tremble, Tremble, Tremble**

**Mark 16: 1-8**

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**Introduction: Martin Scorsese's new film: Silence**

- **17<sup>th</sup> century Portuguese missionaries go to Japan to find their missing mentor.**
- **Scorsese uses the story to ask the questions:**
  - **How do we cope with the difficulties of life when God is silent?**
  - **Does the silence of God necessarily mean the absence of God?**
- **Silence in the Old Testament denotes divine judgment.**
- **Gives us some insight as to what transpired during the most significant 3 days in the history of mankind.**

**I. Friday – There was silence in heaven.**

**a. Darkness from noon until three o'clock**

**b. Jesus called out: Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachtani! – and silence shrouded heaven!!!**

**c. At the cross, two things happened:**

**i. Jesus died a physical death**

**1. He was the ram in the thicket for Abraham.**

**2. He was Jacob's ladder.**

**3. He was the lamb without blemish.**

**4. He was the scapegoat.**

**5. He was the serpent on a pole that brought life to all with the poison of the serpent.**

**6. Jesus in His death closed the circle on all of that foreshadowing.**

**ii. Something even more greater and more spectacular was happening.**

**1. At the cross, God credited your sin debt and my sin debt to Jesus and brought judgment against Him.**

**2. God had gone silent in judgment on Jesus (Eloi, Eloi . . .)**

**3. It is finished!**

**d. The race was on to get everything done that had to be done by sundown.**

**II. Saturday – Activity starts again at sundown.**

**a. The ladies bought anointing spices.**

**III. Sunday – What a difference a day makes!**

**a. The Journey**

**i. On the way to the tomb.**

**b. The Angel**

**i. The tomb was not entirely empty!**

**c. The Human Reaction to Divine holiness.**

**i. The proper response to the holiness of God is trembling and silence.**

**ii. The natural response to the holiness of God is trembling and silence.**

**IV. Take Away**

**a. Two things happened on the cross.**

**b. Easter is a great day of hope for flowers of Jesus.**

**c. This is a great chapter on love.**