

INTRODUCTION:

1. WHEN HELL CAME TO THE CROSS, JESUS WAS ABANDONED IN DARKNESS (27:45).

a. Interpreting this text presents difficulties:

(1) *What caused it?*

(2) *What was its extent?*

(3) *What was its meaning?*

b. The context helps us understand:

(1) *Darkness is often associated with God's judgment.*

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TEXT: MATTHEW 27:44-49

(2) *The OT prophets had prophesied the Day of the Lord.*

(3) *Jesus cried out because He was forsaken.*

2. WHEN HELL CAME TO THE CROSS, GOD THE FATHER CAST JESUS INTO OUTER DARKNESS (27:46).

3. APPLICATIONS:

(1) *For those who do not know Christ, do you not see the love of God in Christ's abandonment?*

(2) *For those who do know Christ, do you not see God's hatred for your sin, God's remedy for your sin, and His eternal love for you in Christ's abandonment?*

CONCLUSION: