

UNDERSTANDING THE CROSS

Matthew 27:45-53

I. Understanding The Darkness – vs. 45

Luke 2:9

John 8:12

Sixth hour – ninth hour

Mark 15:25

Gē - The earth as a whole. The earth as opposed to the heavens.

Luke 23:45

Ekleipō - fails or ends, when there is no more.

Exodus 10:21-22

Ezekiel 32:1-8

2 Peter 2:17

Jude 6

Revelation 16:10

II. Understanding The Separation – vs. 46-49

Mark 15:34

Anaboaō - shout, cry out

Habakkuk 1:13

Isaiah 53:5

Romans 4:25

2 Corinthians 5:21

Matthew 20:28

Hebrews 2:9

Philippians 2:6

John 17:5

Psalms 22:1-2

III. Understanding The Self Sacrifice – vs. 50

Krazō - shout, call out, cry out, exclaim

John 19:30

Luke 23:46

Aphiēmi - dismiss, have go away

John 10:11, 15, 17-18

IV. Understanding The Veil And The Earthquake – vs. 51

Exodus 26:33

Hebrews 4:16

Exodus 19:18

1 Kings 19:11

2 Samuel 22:8

Isaiah 29:6

Jeremiah 10:10

Hebrews 12:26-27

V. Understanding The Resurrections – vs. 52-53

1 Thessalonians 4:16

1 Corinthians 15:20, 22, 51-53

Closing Thought: When we understand the cross we see: the wrath of God in His judgment of sin; the devastating separation of the Son from the Father; the self sacrifice of Christ; the access to God His people now have; the power of God in the earth quaking; and the promise of His people's future resurrection. Oh, the power of the cross!!