

## Matthew 27:45-46

*Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"*

One of the most darkest days in history, yet the darkest day would soon bring the brightest day all in the same day.

It was dark because the Savior of the world was on the cross, dying for our sins. But it was the brightest day because the Savior of the world was dying for our sins.

Sounds crazy doesn't it. But if things seemed so simple then anyone could do it. We all know this next verse all too well.

† **Isaiah 55:8-9** *For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.*

Yet, we still try to figure things out and why God does things the way He does. Sometimes we rack our brains over these things so much, that we miss the blessing God is trying to bless us with. Like why did Jesus have to endure so much pain and shame, before He went to the Cross?

† **Mark 15:16-20** *Then the soldiers led Him away into the hall called Praetorium, and they called together the whole garrison. And they clothed Him with purple; and they twisted a crown of thorns, put it on His head, and began to salute Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" Then they struck Him on the head with a reed and spat on Him; and bowing the knee, they worshiped Him. And when they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him.*

And we rack our brains as to why Jesus had to endure so much pain and shame, while He was on the cross?

† **Mark 15:34** *And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"*

† **John 19:26-29** *When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.*

*After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth.*

But Jesus had to endure all these things to fulfill scripture and pay for all of our sins on the cross.

† **Isaiah 53:10** *Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.*

Yet we know all of these things, don't we? But still we all go through those dark days or nights at one time or another in our lives, and wonder how can any good come out of this?

2000 years ago if a stranger walked by and never heard of Jesus and saw Him on the cross, he would think; what good could come out of this Man's death on a cross?

But we now know the answer, and that good is that we can all be saved by repenting of our sins and giving our lives to Jesus and believing that He died on the cross and rose from the dead on the third day. Sound to crazy or foolish?

† **1 Corinthians 1:27** *But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty.*

So what good can come out of the darkness you may be facing right now?

To use the term in its proper perspective, "Only God knows!" But we should be happy that He knows, because it's all part of His perfect plan!

† **Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)** *"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."*