

"The Death of Jesus"

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Introduction –Jesus' death was surrounded by several events that help us understand the meaning of His death. The first event was the "darkness."

- I. The Meaning of the Spiritual Darkness.
 - A. "Darkness" in the Bible.
 - B. God is often likened to the sun in the Bible. (Ps.84:11)
 - 1. The source of truth.
 - 2. The source of life.
 - C. What it means to be in spiritual darkness.
 - D. Moving away from God is to walk in spiritual darkness.
 - E. Why do we resist turning to God's light?
- II. The Effects of Being in Spiritual Darkness.
 - A. Moving away from God results in a Radical Disorientation.

- B. Moving away from God results in an Unsettling Disintegration.
 - 1. We move to a state of "uncreation."
 - 2. We start to fall apart.

III. The Darkness That Jesus Received.

- A. The Old Testament prophets describing the coming judgment of God.
- B. When His judgment comes, things start to become dark and chaotic.
- C. The darkness coming down on Jesus is the full range of human evil.

D. What was the darkness coming down on Jesus?

Conclusion.