

# MATTHEW

September 17, 2023

Matthew 27:45-50

## READ

Matthew 27:45-50    Mark 15:33-37    Luke 23:44-46    John 19:28-30    Psalm 22

## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Darkness has profound theological implications. That darkness covers all the land for the final three hours of Christ's crucifixion, suggests *what* to you?

2. What is most shocking or surprising to you about Jesus' declaration in v. 46 and why?

How may the following verses be behind this statement?

- Galatians 3:13
- 2 Corinthians 5:21

3. How did those around the cross react to Jesus' declaration (vv. 47-49; c.f., John 19:28-29)?

4. Taking a drink (of vinegar or sour wine!) allowed Jesus to do what (v. 50a)?

5. The other Gospels provide these final statements of Jesus. What is Jesus saying in each and what is their significance?

- John 19:30

- Luke 23:46

6. What did Jesus do with His spirit (v. 50b; John 19:30b)? Take into account John 10:18. What is the significance of this?

7. What is God accomplishing on the cross of Christ?

- 1 Peter 3:18
- 1 Timothy 2:6a; Titus 2:14
- 2 Corinthians 5:14b
- 2 Corinthians 5:19a
- Hebrews 9:28
- Isaiah 53:5-6

8. Describe a time when you asked God, “Why?” Did you receive an answer? How was the situation resolved?

### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

I will carry about in my body the dying of Jesus this week by . . .

I will manifest in my body the life of Jesus this week by . . .