

God's Greatest Christmas Gift

Luke 23:44-49 December 19th, 2021

The three most important events in world history are:

- 1.) _____
- 2.) _____
- 3.) _____

The event of the crucifixion was much more _____ and _____ than even the incarnation. Many missed the _____ of Christ. But no one living in Jerusalem missed the _____.

Darkness is always depicted as God's _____.

It's quite appropriate that when the _____ was being snuffed out the world went _____.

V:45b gives us a very crucial information...

This "tearing" of the Temple veil suggested at least 3 important things.

- 1st _____
- 2nd _____
- 3rd _____

At Christmas, just a _____ appeared in the sky That only the "keen observers" could spot. _____ missed it. But at Jesus death God showed up in the heaviness of _____ that was _____, an earthquake that was _____ and _____ in Jerusalem missed it.

Notes: _____

Growth Group Discussion Questions

(Complete at home on separate sheet of paper if needed)

- 1.) What are some of your fondest Christmas memories?

- 2.) What do you cherish more? Christmas or Easter? Why?

- 3.) Read Sunday's text (Luke 23:44-49) Also read the story in the other Gospels (Matthew 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41; John 19:25-30) What important truths/lessons stand out to you in this text?

- 4.) Read the following scriptures and discuss their relationship to Sunday's text and your life. (1John 1:5; Amos 5:20-21; 8:9-10; Joshua 24:6-7; Isaiah 53:3-6; 2Cor 5:21)

- 5.) How might you summarize Sunday's bible lesson in your own words? What are the key and most important lessons to apply to your life from this study?

- 6.) Take some time to pray for one another. And pray for your pastors and their families.