

Message Notes

The crucifixion of Jesus

Scripture Passages

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Introduction: The Passion of the Christ

The Gospel of Luke

Today's message

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In the space between verses 25 and 26

ON THE WAY TO THE CROSS

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The daughters of Jerusalem

Luke 23:27-31

"Mountains, fall on us"?

Hosea 10:8, Revelation 6:15-17

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Luke 23:32-34

The people, the rulers, and the soldiers

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Mark 15:21

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8 The high places of wickedness will be destroyed –
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and cover their altars.

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Revelation 6:15-17

15 Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. 16 They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?”

The coming judgment would be so horrific that barrenness, normally held to be a reproach in Israel, would be counted a blessing. The coming judgment would be so unbearable that Israel would cry out with language used by ancient unfaithful Israel (Hosea 10:8), pleading for an earthquake to cause the mountains to fall on them and thus put them out of their misery.

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The cosmic trauma had begun. There never had been such pain as physical and spiritual evil now came against Jesus in terrible conjunction. Body and soul recoiled. The initial shock of crucifixion had rendered him paralyzed and quivering. Physical disbelief screamed from severed nerves. And even greater spiritual horror closed in—he would soon become sin... We must never fall to the delusion of thinking that Jesus' physical suffering was not as great for him because he was God. He did it as a man, among men, in total (and exemplary) dependence upon the Father. His pain was alleviated by nothing... The cross reveals excruciating pain and excruciating love.

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“I do not ask for the grace that you gave St. Paul;
nor can I dare to ask for the grace that you granted to St. Peter;
but, the mercy which you did show to the dying robber,
that mercy, show to me.”
~Copernicus

Clarence Macartney, *The Making of a Minister* (Great Neck, NY:
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