

THE LAST BREATH

MARK 15:33-39 | TED HARRIS | JULY 28, 2024



Where is God? We have all asked that question when we face circumstances that are difficult. When we are suffering. When we can't seem to see our way through life. Where is God? If you have ever asked that question during the darkest of days, you are in good company. Jesus, while on the cross, as darkness descended on the earth, cried out "Why God?" We are looking at those final hours of Jesus' life and discovering that in the midst of the darkness God has a purpose. For Jesus, the cross meant that "he took our place, that we might have a place."

The Situation

v.33, "At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour."

"God is the source of all truth and all life. If you orbit around God, then your life has truth and vitality. But if you turn away from God and orbit around anything else – your career, a relationship, your family – as the source of your warmth and your hope, the result is spiritual darkness. When you are in spiritual darkness, although you may feel your life is headed in the right direction, you are actually profoundly disoriented." Tim Keller, Jesus the King

"Jesus took our place, that we might have a place!"

The Purpose

v.34, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"

"Jesus took our place, that we might have a place!"

The Outcome

v.38, "the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. Then the centurion...saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God."

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