

# “From Great Darkness Bursts Great Light”

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**Matthew 27:45** Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.

**Exodus 10:21-23** And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness *which* may be felt. <sup>22</sup> And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days: <sup>23</sup> They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

**John 8:12** Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

**1 Corinthians 5:7b** ... For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

Matthew 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

“Our Lord was then in the darkest part of his way. He had trodden the winepress now for hours, and the work was almost finished. He had reached the culminating point of his anguish. This is his dolorous lament from the lowest pit of misery—“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” I do not think that the records of time or even of eternity, contain a sentence more full of anguish. Here the wormwood and the gall, and all the other bitternesses, are outdone. Here you may look as into a vast abyss; and though you strain your eyes, and gaze till sight fails you, yet you perceive no bottom; it is measureless, unfathomable, inconceivable. This anguish of the Saviour on your behalf and mine is no more to be measured and weighed than the sin which needed it, or the love which endured it.”

*C.H. Spurgeon*

**John 1:29b** ... the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

**Psalm 22:1** My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? *why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?*

**Psalm 22:6-8** But I *am* a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people. <sup>7</sup> All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying*, <sup>8</sup> He trusted on the LORD *that* he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

**Psalm 22:14-18** I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. <sup>15</sup> My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. <sup>16</sup> For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. <sup>17</sup> I may tell all my bones: they look *and* stare upon me. <sup>18</sup> They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

**2 Corinthians 5:21** For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

**2 Timothy 1:9-10** Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, <sup>10</sup> But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: