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“The Death of Christ”

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“The King and His Cross”

INTRODUCTION: *The True Story of the Little Mermaid* ¹

v. 21-32: _____ **HEARTS** ²

*“And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry His cross. ²² And they brought Him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³ And they offered Him wine mixed with myrrh, but He did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified Him and divided His garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. ²⁵ And it was the third hour when they crucified Him. ²⁶ And the inscription of the charge against Him read, “The King of the Jews.” ²⁷ And with Him they crucified two robbers, one on His right and one on His left. [Some manuscripts insert verse 28: And the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “He was numbered with the transgressors”] ²⁹ And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰ save Yourself, and come down from the cross!” ³¹ So also the chief priests with the scribes **mocked** Him to one another, saying, “He*

¹ The Introduction is adapted from *Story: Recapture the Mystery* by Steven James, pages 151-153. “The Little Mermaid” tale comes from *The Complete Hans Christian Anderson Fairy Tales*, pages 147-148.

² **The Exposition of the text is adapted from my eight of my sermons** (too many to list here) from the Gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John, all preached at Potomac Hills. **And the sermons**, “*Mocking Jesus*” 3/18/07; “*The Death of Jesus*” 3/25/07; “*Women, Pagans, and Pharisees*” 4/1/07, all by Dr. Tim Keller, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, New York, NY, *The Timothy Keller Sermon Archive*, [Logos Bible Software 8.15](http://LogosBibleSoftware.com) and “*Father, into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit*” by Dr. J. Ligon Duncan, III, Chancellor, Reformed Theological Seminary, preached when Senior Minister at First Presbyterian Church (PCA), Jackson, MS, 11/20/11, www.fpcjackson.org.

saved others; He cannot save Himself. ³² Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with Him also reviled Him.

v. 33-38: _____ DESCENDS

“And when the sixth hour had come, there was **darkness** over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?” ³⁵ And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, He is calling Elijah.” ³⁶ And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down.” ³⁷ And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed His last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

Luke 22:52-53, “Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against Him, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? ⁵³ When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me. **But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.**”

Amos 8:7-10, “The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. ⁸ Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who dwells in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? ⁹ And on that day,” declares the Lord GOD, “**I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight.** ¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on every waist and baldness on every head; **I will make it like the mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day.**”

v. 39-47: THE _____ WORLD

³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood facing Him, **saw** that in this way He breathed His last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!” ⁴⁰ There were also women **looking** on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹ When He was in Galilee, they followed Him and ministered to Him, and there were also many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

⁴² And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself **looking** for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴ Pilate was surprised to hear that He should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether He was already dead. ⁴⁵ And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph. ⁴⁶ And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud and laid Him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses **saw** where He was laid.”