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“For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Heb. 12:2b

I. The Darkness Falls (Matt. 27:45-46a)

- A. 9 a.m. until noon – Jesus is showing his compassion for others
- B. Noon to 3 p.m. – Jesus is showing his passion as he takes on the darkness for us
- C. The three hours of darkness = the three days of darkness in the tomb
- D. It’s Friday, but Sunday is coming! – The sunrise of resurrection is coming!

II. The Declaration of Prophecy (Ps. 22)

- A. Jesus refers the hearers to Psalm 22 with three prophecies
 - 1. Psalm 22:7,8 – Enemies mock Jesus
 - 2. Psalm 22:18 – The dividing of clothes and lots cast
 - 3. Psalm 22:14 – 16 – Hands and feet pierced (Isa. 53:4-6)
- B. These prophecies were written over 600 years before Jesus’ birth
- C. The Psalm ends with great victory! (Psalm 22:22 – 31)
- D. It’s Friday, but Sunday is coming! – God hears and helps His people!

III. The Defeat of Sin (Matt. 27:46b; Heb. 12:1-3)

- A. Jesus cried out in a loud voice –
- B. Aramaic – *“Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”*
 - 1. *“My God, My God”* – (*el* = theos) – general term relating to God
 - 2. *“why”* – to question or seek help
 - 3. *“have you forsaken me”* – to leave in a helpless position – to abandon
- C. He defeated sin for us by taking on the wrath of God in our place!
(John 1:29; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 12:1-3)
- D. It’s Friday, but Sunday is coming! - Keep on looking toward Sunday!