

# December 7. The Dark Valley

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## Transcript

"It was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour." Luke 23:44

It was a mysterious and supernatural darkness. We may say, and we can say no more â€” that it was nature sympathizing with the crucifixion of its Lord. How dense this darkness was, we cannot tell; but it must have filled the hearts of the multitude around the cross with awe.

There was also a still deeper darkness around the soul of Him who hung on that central cross. It was so dark, that He even seemed forsaken of God. We can never understand it, although we know that it was atoning for sin, which made the darkness. Jesus wrapped the glooms of death about Himself â€” that we might be clothed in garments of light! He died thus in darkness â€” that we might walk into the valley amid the splendors of heavenly light. He had agony in His last hour â€” that we might have joy. His head wore the crown of thorns, and had no place to rest in dying â€” that under our heads, might be the pillow of peace.

It is profitable for us to contrast the death of Christ â€” with that of His disciples in all ages since. He shrank from the "cup;" they are eager to drink it. He seemed forsaken of God; they look with ecstasy and unclouded vision into the Father\

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