

Luke 23:44–49 (ESV)

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed.

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

⁴⁷Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!"

⁴⁸And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts.

⁴⁹And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

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What God is Doing

What 3 things occur here in verses 44-46?

What are at least 2 things that God the Father is accomplishing in these verses?

What is signified in the curtain in the temple being torn in two?

What is signified in Jesus' cry in v.46? How does this apply to us as well?

How We Respond

Again, there are 3 distinct occurrences in these verses...how would you describe them? What do each have in common?

According to the gospels, this centurion says 2 things about Jesus (here, and in Matt. 27 and Mark 15). What is the importance of this statement in v.47?

In verse 48, how would you account for the crowds "beating their breasts"?

Who might Luke be referring to in verse 49? What's the importance of sight here?