

The Ninth Hour

Scripture Text: Matthew 27:45-50

About the Text:

- 1) Mark 15:25 “And it was the third hour, and they crucified him”
- 2) Jesus hung on the cross for six hours.
- 3) When the ninth hour came, Jesus died.
- 4) What can we learn from “the ninth hour?”

The ninth hour is the hour of . . .

I. ENDURANCE

1. Jesus came to this moment having suffered insults, injuries, blasphemies, railings, and torture.
2. Why did he do it?
3. Hebrews 12:2
4. Jesus joy was our salvation.
5. He endured so that we could have eternal life.

II. DARKNESS

1. Matthew 27:45
2. There was not only a literal darkness, but a symbolic one in the death of Jesus.
3. In Luke 22:53 Jesus said to his judges, “but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”
4. But Jesus overcame the darkness so that we would not have to be subject to it.
5. Colossians 1:13

III. DEATH

1. Matthew 27:50 “Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.”
2. Why did Jesus have to die?
3. Hebrews 2:9
4. He died so that we could live.
5. Hebrews 2:14-15

The ninth hour is the hour that . . .

- 1) Jesus endured the pain.
- 2) Jesus outlasted the darkness.
- 3) Jesus overcame death.

What hour is it for you?

- 1) Are you in a time of pain and suffering?
- 2) Have you been affected by the darkness and wickedness of this world?
- 3) Perhaps you've been recently touched by death or worry about it.

Jesus' message in the ninth hour is that ...

- 1) You don't have to endure the pain alone.
- 2) That you need not give in to the darkness.
- 3) That there is hope for life after death.

Invitation

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