

John 314 “Cross Examination” Part 4 John 19:35-42

There are both obvious natural and not so obvious supernatural occasions of darkness on earth and in reference to the Lord Jesus Christ, this supernatural darkness first occurred during His First Advent while He was bearing the sins of the world in His last three hours on the Cross.

No one ever saw the full extent of the agony of our Lord when He was being judged for every sin in human history; the onlookers could only hear His cries to God and His final scream at the end of His last three hours of suffering.

Before the Second Advent of Jesus Christ, there will be no starlight, no sunlight and no moonlight.

The Lord Jesus is the Light of the world and at this time, He will be the only light seen by the entire world!

And because of God’s intervention in human history producing supernatural darkness over our Lord’s Cross, we now can experience the Light of the world’s salvation forgiveness and we can walk in the Light of His glorious reconciliation!

Adam became a natural man when God breathed the breath of His life into Adam’s lifeless body and somewhat similarly, God breathes His spark of eternal life into our spiritually dead bodies at the moment of our expression of faith alone in Christ alone by way of God’s grace alone.

This is what happened to all of us who’ve trusted Jesus Christ as Savior and it was then in a sense that we became new creatures; members of a new spiritual species with new natures and an exciting brand-new destiny before God.

Remember that hearsay is not admissible evidence in a Jewish or Roman court, therefore John adds that he saw these events personally.

The fracturing of the femur bones of the crucified although customary, was prompted by the religious Jews who were influenced by Satan as it was his desire to see the Scriptures unfulfilled.

No broken bones means that God keeps His Word.

God is interested in details and that’s why not one hair on our heads is unaccounted for! The fulfillment of Scripture glorifies God.

These Roman soldiers in their military uniforms and the apostle John outfitted with his uniform of biblical truth were true believers and this as well as many other reasons causes us to stop and realize once again that while the military seeks to provide freedom, religious bigotry seeks only to destroy it.

A funeral is a tremendous opportunity to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The unoccupied shell or body should always be covered during a wake or a funeral.

During the crisis of the Cross, ten open believing disciples scattered and went underground to become incognito while two formerly secret disciples emerged and became emboldened as they showed their true colors fearlessly.

Two witnesses were needed to establish physical death under the Mosaic Law.

In the Lord’s substitutionary spiritual death, He was identified with two criminals and in His physical death, He was identified with two rich men!

It took a major crisis to separate Joseph of Arimathea from his mental attitude sin of fear. To experience fear is natural but to overcome fear with biblical truth application is supernatural.

Joseph of Arimathea represents what any believer in Jesus Christ could do with biblical truth

in his soul.

It was highly unusual for Pilate to give permission to remove a crucified body but he did in this case because he knew Jesus was innocent.

Nicodemus aptly provided a funeral fit for a king for the King of kings, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus was not placed in a common grave.

When our Lord was crucified, the omnipotence of God the Father judicially imputed all the sins that will ever be committed in human history to the impeccable humanity of Christ and this was a judicial imputation making it undeserved because the sins credited to Jesus were not His own!

The enabling power of the Holy Spirit provided the endurance needed for Jesus to remain on the Cross and receive our judgment.

From God's perspective and from the perspective of the mature believer in Jesus Christ, there are no tragedies in history, just so-called historical disasters.

Historical disasters as man sees them are not tragedies since individuals, nations and empires are the products of their own self-determination.

Jealous people and envious nations never see their own sins and the production of their evil, they only see the sins and evil of others.

This is why Jesus taught that we would have continuous warfare until He returns.

Since we are the products of our own choices in life rather than our environment, the motivational and functional evil of Satan's world system can only be restrained through genuine humility on our part and that is what characterizes the mature believer in Christ.