

## Gold From Golgotha - The Question

Read - Matthew 27:45-46

In the ancient record we can read this regarding this account in Matt.27:45:

“On the whole world there pressed a most fearful darkness; and the rocks were rent by an earthquake, and many places in Judea and other districts were thrown down. This darkness Thallus, in the third book of his History, calls, as appears to me without reason, an eclipse of the sun.”

-Sextus Julius Africanus

How does knowing that evidence from the historical record exists corroborating the Gospel account strengthen your faith?

What if it didn't exist, or if someone found a way to discredit it? Would you lose faith in Scripture?

Is our salvation based on faith in God or on the veracity of our understanding of the historical record at the moment? Why is this important as we move forward in belief?

When you think about God's Wrath, what comes to mind? Why is this an essential understanding of Christianity?

What good is grace if it doesn't save us from anything?

### **God's Wrath is just.**

Read - Romans 2:5-11, Proverbs 24:12, Romans 1:18-20

The Bible clearly tells us God's wrath is always in response to sin. Why does God even care about our sin at all?

Put yourself in God's position and think about how sin has affected all that you love so dear. What would your reaction be toward it?

“God's wrath in the Bible is never the capricious, self-indulgent, irritable, morally ignoble thing that human anger so often is. It is, instead, a right and necessary reaction to objective moral evil”

-J.I. Packer, Knowing God

God's Wrath is ultimately Loving because it flows from God's perfect justice, but also but it also from His love.

How can this kind of anger be related to love?

### **The Question:**

“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

Matthew 27:46

Of all the suffering and pain on the cross, the absence and forsakenness of Jesus by God in this moment appears to be the worst, because it causes Him to doubt.

We need to doubt our doubts and feed our faith, how did Christ model this on the cross?

Read - Psalm 22

Jesus is quoting a scripture that tells the story of a Man of deepest sorrows still praising the God who brings greatest joy. How does this encourage and inform us of what do to in dark and difficult times?

Read - Romans 8:31-37

How does this encourage you?

Tonight as you pray, try to encourage one another with scripture for every struggle that you face. Make a plan this week to send a message and scripture to one other person in the group.