

Black Friday  
(Luke 23:33-56)

Introduction:

1. The day after Thanksgiving is commonly called "Black Friday."
  - a. Shoppers look for special prices and bargains.
  - b. Retailers depend on sales to boost their profits.
2. In our lesson we are concerned with another Black Friday.
  - a. Jesus was crucified, He died, and He was buried on the Day of Preparation [Friday], the day before the Sabbath.
  - b. According to Mark 15:25, the crucifixion began the 3<sup>rd</sup> hour.
  - c. For 3 hours that day [the 6<sup>th</sup> until the 9<sup>th</sup>] there was darkness over the land (Luke 23:44; Matthew 27:45; Mark 15:33).
3. Studying passages that tell us about Black Friday causes us:
  - a. to feel sadness when we are reminded of the Lord's suffering
  - b. to love and appreciate the Lord because He suffered on our behalf.

Discussion:

- I. BLACK FRIDAY WAS PROPHESED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT
  - A. The first reference is in Genesis 3:15.
  - B. About 1,000 BC David wrote in detail about Black Friday in Psalm 22.
    1. vs.1a
    2. vs.7-8
    3. vs.13-18
  - C. About 700 BC Isaiah also wrote about Black Friday in ch.53 of his book.
    1. Notice the details given in vs.7-9.
    2. Also, notice the reason for the Lord's suffering (vs.4-6).
- II. BLACK FRIDAY WAS FOLLOWED BY THE SABBATH (Luke 23:54-56)
  - A. The Sabbath was a day of rest for the Jewish people.
  - B. The ladies who wanted to care for the Lord's body rested.
  - C. The Lord's body rested in the tomb.
- III. THE SABBATH WAS FOLLOWED BY THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK (Luke 24:1-9)
  - A. Jesus was raised from the grave.
  - B. Notice the time -- "*very early in the morning*" (vs.1) [*"at the rising of the sun"* (Mark 16:2)].
  - C. Earth had just experienced its darkest day on Friday.
  - D. Two days later earth experienced its brightest day when Jesus was resurrected.

Conclusion:

1. Black Friday was a time of great sadness and heartache.
2. However, let us remember why Jesus endured it -- He provided forgiveness and the hope of eternal life.