

OUR CONDITION WITHOUT SALVATION / *Mark 15:33*

In Scripture, darkness is a key concept.

Darkness represents the power of God's presence.

"As the people stood in the distance, Moses entered into the deep darkness where God was" (Exodus 20:21).

Darkness stands for God's judgment.

"So Moses lifted his hand toward heaven, and there was deep darkness over the entire land for three days" (Exodus 10:22).

Darkness is controlled by God.

"I am the one who creates the light and makes the darkness. I am the one who sends good times and bad times. I, the LORD, am the one who does these things" (Isaiah 45:7).

Darkness represents people's sinful rebellion against God.

"But the way of the wicked is like complete darkness. Those who follow it have no idea what they are stumbling over" (Proverbs 4:19; see also John 3:19; Romans 1:21; Ephesians 4:18).

Darkness represents people's ignorance of God.

". . . the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light. And for those who lived in the land where death casts its shadow, a light has shined" (Matthew 4:16; see also John 1:5; Ephesians 4:18).

Darkness represents people's condition without hope in God.

"LORD, you have brought light to my life; my God, you light up my darkness" (Psalm 18:28; see also 1 Peter 2:9).