

# THE POWER OF THE CROSS

When Darkness  
Descends



<sup>44</sup> By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. <sup>45</sup> The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle. <sup>46</sup> Then Jesus shouted, “**Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!**” And with those words he breathed his last.

<sup>47</sup> When the Roman officer overseeing the execution saw what had happened, he worshiped God and said, “Surely this man was innocent.”

<sup>48</sup> And when all the crowd that came to see the crucifixion saw what had happened, they went home in deep sorrow.

<sup>49</sup> But Jesus' friends, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance watching.

Luke 23:44-49 NLT



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THE CROSS**

The body and blood of  
Christ, given for you.





**A story that begins in darkness,  
does not end there.**

**The light was not extinguished,  
It was given.**