

Snapshots at the Cross

Luke 23.44-49

1. Symbolic Darkness, vs 44-45a

- *a supernatural event*
- *a symbolic phenomenon 22,54
darkness reigned
as the forces of evil
sought to extinguish
the Light of the World*

2. A Startling Rip, v45

- *God no longer screened from public
view Heb 9.1-14; Lev 16.2-15
now accessible to all – all the time*

3. A Solemn Cry, v46

- *from a booming voice
expressing confidence, faith,
triumph John 19.30; Ps 31.1-8*

4. A Stirred Soldier, v47

- ***moved to praise God
for what he had witnessed in Jesus
so righteous as to be God's Son
Mark 15.39***

5. Stunned Bystanders, v48-49

- ***the spectators - grief stricken
but being prepared for conversion
Acts 2.23,36-41***
- ***the supporters – numbed at their loss
Mat 27.55-56; Mk 15.40-41
but being prepared for evangelism
Luke 24.19-21,25-27,46-48***

***The Son of Man came to give his life
as a ransom for many Mark 10.45***