

Today's Message: Out of Control
Series: Before The Sun Goes Down
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Big Idea: We Can Find Confidence In The Chaos Because The Plan of God Is In The Hands of God.

⁴⁵ From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶ About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”). ^y

⁴⁷ When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.”

⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink.

⁴⁹ The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

⁵⁰ And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. (Matthew 27:45-50)

1. We can find confidence in the chaos because the plan of God included _____.

⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split ⁵² and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. ⁵³ They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

⁵⁴ When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, (Matthew 27:45-54a)

2. We can find confidence in the chaos because the plan of God included the _____.

“Surely he was the Son of God!” (Matthew 27:54a)

And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!” (Mark 15:39)

The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, “Surely this was a righteous man.” (Luke 23:47)

3. We can find confidence in the chaos because the plan of God _____ everything we ever need to know.

The Matthean Community – facing the persecution and confusion of the newly redeemed community. Rome was not correct, but the centurion was!

The Markan Community – the amazing events of the day proclaim the reality of who He is. The centurion is one of the amazing events.

Lukan Community – for a Greek audience, righteousness is one of the primary qualities and attributes of deity. You can see enough, to know enough to believe enough to be made righteous, to live righteous!

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- ⇒ Christ is greater than the chaos.
- ⇒ You can be a part of the miraculous.
- ⇒ You can be made righteous.