



RAISE A STANDARD!

THE DARKEST HOUR

The Darkest Hour

- Planned from the beginning
- Jesus freely chose this path
- It was a cosmic event

The Darkest Hour

“In that day”, declares the
Sovereign LORD,

*I will make the sun go down
at noon and darken the
earth in broad daylight.*

Amos 8 v 9

Enemies
seemingly
triumph
(They
thought it
was all over)

The Religious establishment

The fickle crowds

The Roman Government

Satan, Prince of Darkness

The Darkest Hour?

The religious establishment

The fickle crowds

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The Roman Government

Satan the Prince of
Darkness

An
uneasy
victory?

The irony of Pilate's charge

Mark 15 v 12

The curtain torn in two

Mark 15 v 38

An
uneasy
victory?

The Centurion's response

Mark 15 v 39

*“Surely this man was the
Son of God!”*

An
uneasy
victory?

Joseph of Arimathea

Mark 15 v 32

“waiting for the kingdom of
God”

A
failure
or a
fulfilment?

“...Christ died for
our sins ...”

1 Corinthians 15 v 3

A Deep Mystery

“..the cross is not just an instrument of torture, used by the Jews to rid them of an uncomfortable opponent, or by the Romans to brigand to justice. The real issue lies in the potential of the cross to deal with the cosmic power of evil that lies behind the earthly powers of this world.”

Martin Robinson

The Darkest Hour?

“...just at the right time ...

Christ died for the ungodly

... While we were still

sinners

Christ died for us”

Romans 5 v 6, 8

The
darkest
hour?

It was the death
that did it!

Raise the Standard

“...we declare God`s wisdom,
a mystery that has been hidden
...None of the rulers of this age
understood it, for if they had
they would not have crucified
the Lord of glory.

1 Corinthians 2 v 7,8