

Refrigerator Notes 20 March 2016  
Our prayer: When Darkness Comes  
Luke 22:14-53

1. Our scripture text says in verse 53, 'when darkness reign, but reign is for a period of time (length)
2. I would suggest that this is probably the darkest day in all of humanity's history
3. My personal challenge to DPC was to think of a period in your life when darkness reign
4. I also suggested that darkness cannot exist without light, our Lord is the light of the world
5. But when darkness exist in our lives, Satan is most active, because the sins we commit have been committed so often, we don't believe we are sinning
6. However, there are times when Satan will ask our God permission to enter into our life, i.e. Judas who betrayed out Lord
7. Sometimes Satan is granted permission to sift a person, i.e. Peter
8. Point is that Satan can tempt, but needs permission to enter or sift a person from God
9. Whether one is tempted, sifted or Satan enters with permission, we are in need of prayer
10. Satan's mission is to rob, steal and destroy the 'Word of God'
11. When darkness comes or reigns, evil always exist and goodness is rejected
12. Another example which demonstrates that darkness is active is that temptation that overcomes those who say they are God's followers – they are certain that they are strong enough to with stand Satan's darts, much like Peter thought – but we need to pray to keep from falling into temptation
13. When darkness reign, justice sometimes fails i.e. Jesus' trail
14. Another evidence of what happens when darkness reigns is that 'Natural Laws' are suspended. We read in 23:44-45 that darkness covered the whole land and the sun stopped shining.
15. The physical darkness is a symbol of what was going on in the whole universe, when humanity fails to obey God's law and create their own standards
16. At that point, God is rejected, but there is always hope – that is why our Lord took on the sins of the world
17. Therefore, although darkness reigns, there is always hope for those whose faith is in our Lord Jesus
18. As long as there is light – 'Jesus Saves' – never allow your light to go out and always pray without ceasing