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26. These times are based on gospel accounts that Jesus was crucified at the “third hour,” that darkness descended at the “sixth hour,” and that He died at around the “ninth hour” (Mark 15:25–34; Matthew 27:45; Luke 23:44). These times correspond approximately to nine a.m., twelve noon, and three p.m. But keep in mind that time references in the Gospels are not necessarily precise. (People didn’t wear watches then!) The “third hour” probably refers to the quarter of a day surrounding nine a.m.—in other words, midmorning—and the other events described happened around noon and in midafternoon. For more on this, see Andres J. Köstenberger and Justin Taylor, *The Final Days of Jesus: The Most Important Person Who Ever Lived* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2014), 142–43.
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