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During the final three hours of the crucifixion, there was “darkness over all the earth” (*Luke 23:44*). What God accomplished in those hours was too sacred to be seen and too deep for man to fathom. The resurrection, also, occurred after the darkness of the tomb, seen only by God. Morning light revealed the incredible victory over death.

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