

“The Dark Night Rises”—ONE

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- David Poland, Moviecitynews.com: “This is someone coming into our chosen church and killing people who were sharing the communal experience that is so much a part of so many of our lives. It was a massacre of some of the most enthusiastic members of the movie-loving community.” (www.usatoday.com/2012-07-22)
- Jenny McCartney, *Telegraph*: “[T]he greatest surprise of all—even for me, after eight years spent working as a film critic—has been the sustained level of intensely sadistic brutality throughout the film [“The Dark Knight”].” (www.thetrumpet.com)
- Robert Morley, theTrumpet.com: “This was the movie that people wanted to see so badly that they took their infants with them. Parents: Have we lost our minds?” (ibid)
- Could it be possible that the Dark Knight is darker than the public realizes?

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- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3
- The NT associates the Second Coming of Christ with night time:
 - Matthew 24:43—“thief in the _____.”
 - Luke 12:39—“ . . . even if he comes in the middle of the _____ or toward daybreak.”
 - John 9:4—“_____ is coming, when no one can work.”
 - Romans 13:12—“The _____ is nearly over; the day is almost here.”
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:2—“The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the _____.”
 - 2 Peter 3:10 NKJV—“The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the _____.”
 - *The Great Controversy*: “It is at _____ that God manifests His power for the deliverance of His people. The sun appears, shining in its strength. Signs and wonders follow in quick succession. . . . In the midst of the angry heavens is one clear space of indescribable glory. . . . The glory from the throne of God seems flashing through. . . . [T]he clouds sweep back, and the starry heavens are seen, unspeakably glorious in contrast with the black and angry firmament on either side. The glory of the celestial city streams from the gates ajar. . . . Soon there appears in the east a small black cloud, about half the size of a man’s hand. It is the cloud which surrounds the Saviour and which seems in the distance to be shrouded in darkness. The people of God know this to be the sign of the Son of man.” (636-640)
- What difference does it really make—whether Jesus comes soon or not so soon?
 - Tell that to the 80 million people who _____ every year—one every 3.6 seconds.
 - Tell that to the 46 million in the US who are living on _____.
 - Tell that to the one million people who _____ every year—30,000 in the US alone.
 - Tell that to those who are _____ every two minutes in the US alone.
 - Such “who cares when Jesus will come?” thinking is utterly _____ — which being interpreted means it is empty-headed.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:4, 5—“You are all children of the _____ and children of the _____.”

*“Do not curse the darkness—
light a candle.”*

night, night, Night, night, night, night, midnight, starve to death, food stamps, commit suicide, sexually assaulted, vacuous, light, day

"THE DARK NIGHT RISES"

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MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- I would like to dedicate my life today and seek to light as many candles in this dark world as I can until Jesus comes.
- I would like to know how to become a missionary for Christ in this dark world—please send me more information.
- I would like to join the Harbor of Hope/Kids' Zone ministry in Benton Harbor.

I'M INTERESTED IN:

- Beginning a relationship with Jesus
- Information on baptism
- Information on church membership
- Serving on a team @ PMC
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Comments, Prayer Requests: _____

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