

Lord of the Flies – A View to a Death

Nature before Simon's death

Evening was come, not with calm beauty but with the threat of violence. (185)

All at once the thunder struck. Instead of the dull boom there was a point of impact in the explosion. (186)

There was a blink of bright light beyond the forest and the thunder exploded again so that a littlun started to whine. Big drops of rain fell among them making individual sounds when they struck. (186)

The flickering light became brighter and the blows of the thunder were only just bearable. (187)

Between the flashes of lightning the air was dark and terrible. (187)

The dark sky was shattered by a blue-white scar. An instant later the noise was on them like the blow of a gigantic whip. (188)

Again the blue-white scar jagged above them and the sulphurous explosion beat down. (188)

The blue-white scar was constant, the noise unendurable. (188)

Simon was crying something about a dead man on a hill.

[...]

At once the crowd surged after it, poured down the rock, leapt on to the beast, screamed, struck, bit, tore. There were no words, and no movements but the tearing of teeth and claws. (188)

Then the clouds opened and let down the rain like waterfall. The water bounded from the mountain-top, tore leaves and branches from the trees, poured like a cold shower over the struggling heap on the sand. (188-9)

Nature after Simon's death

Towards midnight the rain ceased and the clouds drifted away, so that the sky was scattered once more with the incredible lamps of stars. Then the breeze died too and there was no noise save the drip and trickle of water that ran out of clefts and spilled down, leaf by leaf, to the brown earth of the island. The air was cool, moist, and clear; and presently even the sound of the water was still. [...]

The edge of the lagoon became a streak of phosphorescence which advanced minutely, as the great wave of the tide flowed. The clear water mirrored the clear sky and the angular bright constellation. The line of phosphorescence bulged about the sand grains and little pebbles; it held them each in a dimple of tension, then suddenly accepted them with an inaudible syllable and moved on. (190)

The water rose further and dressed Simon's coarse hair with brightness.

[...]

Simon's dead body moved out towards the open sea. (190)

Lord of the Flies – The Crucifixion of Christ

John 19,18-37

17. Und er selbst trug sein Kreuz und ging hinaus nach der Stätte, genannt Schädelstätte, die auf Golgatha heißt,

18. wo sie ihn kreuzigten, und zwei andere mit ihm, auf dieser und auf jener Seite, Jesus aber in der Mitte.

[...]

28. Danach, da Jesus wußte, daß alles schon vollbracht war, spricht er, damit die Schrift erfüllt würde: Mich dürstet!

29. Es stand nun dort ein Gefäß voll Essig. Sie aber füllten einen Schwamm mit Essig und legten ihn um einen Ysop und brachten ihn an seinen Mund.

30. Als nun Jesus den Essig genommen hatte, sprach er: Es ist vollbracht! Und er neigte das Haupt und übergab den Geist.

31. Die Juden nun baten den Pilatus, damit die Leiber nicht am Sabbat am Kreuz blieben, weil es Rüsttag war – denn der Tag jenes Sabbats war groß –, daß ihre Beine gebrochen und sie abgenommen werden möchten.

32. Da kamen die Soldaten und brachen die Beine des ersten und des anderen, der mit ihm gekreuzigt war.

33. Als sie aber zu Jesus kamen und sahen, dass er schon gestorben war, brachen sie ihm die Beine nicht:

34. sondern einer der Soldaten durchbohrte mit einem Speer seine Seite, und sogleich kam Blut und Wasser heraus.

35. Und der es gesehen hat, hat es bezeugt, und sein Zeugnis ist wahr; und er weiß, daß er sagt, [was] wahr [ist], damit auch ihr glaubt.

19:17 And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:

19:18 Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

[...]

19:28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

19:29 Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.

19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

19:31 The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

19:32 Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him.

19:33 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:

19:34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

19:35 And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.

36. Denn dies geschah, damit die Schrift erfüllt würde: „Kein Bein von ihm wird zerbrochen werden.“

37. Und wieder sagt eine andere Schrift: „Sie werden den anschauen, den sie durchstochen haben.“

19:36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.

19:37 And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

cf. Mt 27,32-44; Mk 15,21-32; Lk 23,26-43



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