

**“Death That Ended Death”  
Matthew 27:45-54  
Good Friday April 10, 2020**

**Acts 4:12**

**“The Cross” Reveals The Depths Of Sin Which Could Only Be Remedied Through The Savior’s Death: 2 Corinthians 5:21**

**“The Cross” Declares God’s Great Love: Romans 5:8**

**“The Cross” Good Friday - Was God’s Plan To Sacrifice Jesus For The Sins Of The World: 1 Corinthians 5:7; John 1:29**

**1 Corinthians 15:3 Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,**

**“The Savior’s Death” stands out.** Jesus’ life was not taken from Him nor did His bodily functions fail Him, but Jesus gave up His spirit. **Matthew 27:50**

**5 Supernatural Events Surround “The Death That Ended Deaths”**

**1. Verses 45-50 Three Hours Of Darkness:**

**Matthew 27:45 Now** Jesus was assaulted by the Roman guards. Jesus on the way to Calvary had an encounter with a man named Simon.

**from the sixth hour** The Scriptures record 3 specific times:

3rd hour (9:00 AM)      **Mark 15:25**

6th hour (12:00 PM)    **Matthew 27:45**

9th hour (3:00 PM)     **Matthew 27:46**

**sixth hour** would have been 12 Noon. **darkness fell upon all the land** at the precise moment when the *noon sun should have been brightest in the sky*, darkness fell over all the land, and remained for the next three hours.

**“Upon all the land”** is an expression that might refer to the land of Israel, or it could refer to the whole world

**The 9<sup>th</sup> Plague Of Egypt, Was Darkness: (Just before the Passover)  
Exodus 10:22-23**

## **Darkness Upon The Egyptians And Light With Israel: Exodus 14:20**

*All Creation Sympathizing with the Creator.* The Crown of thorns was symbolic of what He did for creation. **Amos 8:9**

*Darkness Meant Hour of Solemn Judgment.* The Lamb dying for our sins. (Exodus 10:22) Darkness before the Passover.

*Darkness of Secrecy.* The Three hours was a transaction between Jesus and the Father. The day of Atonement just the high priest went by himself, so did Jesus.

## **We Live In A World Of Spiritual Darkness. The Results Of Rejecting Jesus: Romans 1:21-23**

### **Matthew 27:46 And about the ninth hour (3 PM) Jesus cried out**

There has been darkness now for 3 hours and now Jesus breaks the silence with a loud voice.

**Jesus cried out with a loud voice, This being the 4<sup>th</sup> in 7 Statements of Jesus from the Cross. The Word of Anguish. "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"**

Quotation from **Psalm 22:1-3**

It was during the 3 hours of darkness that Jesus became sin for us. **2 Corinthians 5:21**

*This wail is the wail of a lost soul.* This was the Father's will, that the Son taste spiritual death for all mankind. That Jesus let out this cry so that we would never have to let it out ourselves.

**Sin Isolates, and Sin Separates.** Sin brings a corrupted nature, Physical death, ultimate death in Hell.

### **Galatians 3:13**

**Matthew 27:47 "This man is calling for Elijah."** Again, we see that those that heard this statement misunderstood what Jesus was saying. Jesus spoke in their religious language, Hebrew, and they missed it.

**Matthew 27:48-49** The mission of the Messiah the Son of God, was again misunderstood. They were expecting the Father to rescue the Son.

**Matthew 27:50** Jesus' life was not taken from Him, nor did His bodily functions fail Him, but Jesus gave up His spirit.

**Luke 23:46; John 19:30**

## **2. Verse 51 Veil Torn Top To Bottom:**

**Matthew 27:51 The veil** – Blocked the entrance to the Holy of Holies in the Jerusalem Temple, the place where the Ark of the Covenant was kept, symbolizing the sacred presence of God.

*The temple curtain was 4 inches thick (Hand). The height was 60 feet. The width was 30 feet. And the weight was about 4 tons. (It took 300 men to hold it.)*

**The Veil was a constant reminder that sin renders humanity unfit for the presence of God.**

**Why was the veil torn?**

- 1. Jesus offering Himself was the perfect and final sacrifice; so, nothing more needs to be done or can be done to reconcile sinful man to God:**

**was torn in two from top to bottom,  
God Himself removed the barrier!**

- 2. Because of Jesus Christ's work it is now possible for those who believe in Him to approach God directly:**

**Hebrews 9:11-12**

- 3. The old system of offering sacrifices year by year was over:**

**The true end of the Old Testament sacrificial system occurred not with the destruction of the Temple in A.D. 70, but here at the moment of Jesus' death**

**The Torn Veil indicates that Jesus Conquered Sin:**

## **3. Verse 51 The Earth Shook:**

**Matthew 27:51 and the earth shook; and the rocks were split,**

**Earthquakes In Scripture** - are often used, like darkness to signify a display of divine judgment. In particular, earthquakes signify God's wrath.

Moses met with God at Sinai to receive the tablets of the Law.

**Exodus 19:18**

**Revelation** indicates that the final judgment of the earth will commence with a global earthquake **Revelation 16:18-20**

**A supernatural earthquake like this one could only signify the wrath of God.**

**The earthquake at Calvary signified that the demands of the Law had been met and the curse of the Law was forever abolished. Hebrews 12:18-24**

**The Earthquake Suggests that Jesus Met The Demands Of The Law and Fulfilled it:**

#### **4. Verses 52-53 The Tombs Were Opened:**

**Matthew 27:52 The tombs were opened;** This earthquake opened the tombs. What are the odds of the earthquake opening the tombs?

**and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;** These were the ones that died in faith that had been waiting for the King, the Messiah

**Matthew 27:53 after His resurrection** Notice, in fact, that those who rose from the dead did not appear in Jerusalem until after Jesus' resurrection.

Jesus is the first fruits of those risen from the dead **1 Corinthians 15:20**

**they entered the holy city and appeared to many.** These risen saints most likely came forth from the dead in glorified bodies already fit for heaven.

**John 5:28-29**

**The Resurrections Prove that Jesus Defeated Death:**

#### **5. Verse 54 Hearts Of The Soldiers Were Changed:**

**Matthew 27:54 the centurion,** a "century" Roman centurion was the commander of a hundred-man division basic building-block of a Roman legion.

**The centurions** - were *usually career officers, hardened men of war.*

**when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening,** The soldiers could no longer ignore the fact that Christ was indeed the Son of God.

**became very frightened** This kind of fear was a **typical reaction of people who suddenly realized the truth about who Jesus is.**

**became very frightened** by the sudden realization that, "*Jesus was innocent, and not merely innocent, but He was also precisely whom He claimed to be. They had actually killed the Son of God.*" **and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!" Mark 15:39; Luke 23:47**

### **Application:**

- 1.** The Death Of Jesus Was God's Plan To Reconcile And Save Sinful Man. (Not an afterthought but the very plan)
- 2.** The Death Of Jesus Reveals The Depths And Extent Of Sin Which Could Only Be Remedied Through Jesus' Death.
- 3.** The Death Of Jesus Declares God's Great Love. That the Sinless/Guiltless Son Of God, Willingly Took The Righteous Wrath Of God's Punishment, So That We Could Be Saved.
- 4.** What Must We Do? John 6:28 They said therefore to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered and said to them, "**This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.**"