

The Murder of Jesus

"The Final Scene At The Cross"

Luke 23:44-49

September 29, 2024

Passion Week

Month of Nisan
1st month of Hebrew Calendar.
(Exodus 12:2) (March/April)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Jesus arrived in Bethany yesterday (Saturday), and Jesus and Lazarus in Bethany, which leaders (John 12:9-10).	Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey colt (Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:7-11; John 12:9-20)	Jesus' triumphal conversation with Greek ruler King Herod (John 12:20-36)	Jesus' trial before the Sanhedrin (Matt. 26:57-68; Mark 14:55-65; Luke 22:63-71)	Jesus' trial before Pontius Pilate (Matt. 27:1-2; Mark 15:1-20; Luke 23:1-5)	Jesus' trial before Herod Antipas (Luke 23:6-12)	Jewish Feast of Unleavened Bread continues for 7 days	Jesus' body in the tomb (Day 2).
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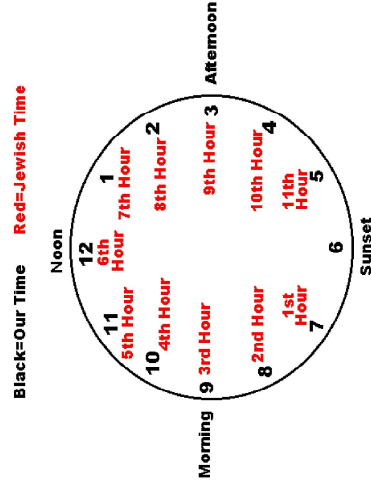
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6 components of the final scene at the cross:

#1 – darkness.

- God turns the lights out for 3 hours on the earth.
- This was not: 1. an eclipse. 2. the work of Satan. 3. some natural phenomenon in the universe.





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#2 – the veil was torn in two.

- The darkness was lifted, the veil was torn, and Jesus cried out.
- 60 feet high. 4 inches thick.
- **What did the tear mean?**

1. Total and complete access to God.

2. Old Covenant gone, New Covenant was now in place.

3. Whatever was connected to the worship in the Temple was obsolete.

Matt 27:50-51

50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

51 And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split.

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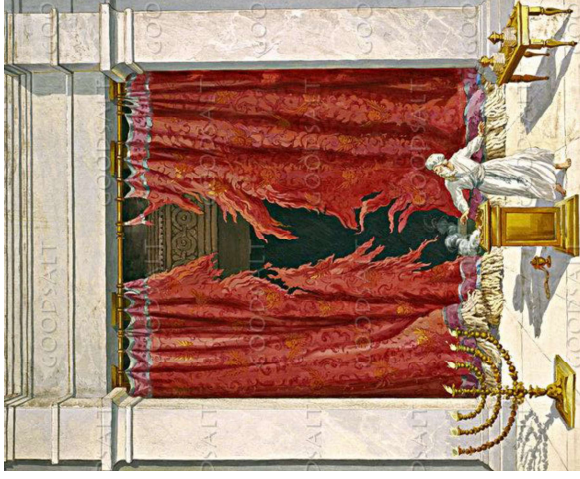
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"Men's hearts did not respond to the agonizing cries of the dying Redeemer, but the rocks responded: the rocks were rent. He did not die for rocks; yet rocks were more tender than the hearts of men, for whom he shed his blood."

- Spurgeon

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#3 – Jesus' final words.

Matt 27:46

46 About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"

- God the Father abandons the Son for a brief moment, as the Son became sin on our behalf.

John 19:30

30 Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

- Everything in the old covenant was pointing to this event – the death of the Messiah, the Lamb of God. All of the sacrifices, all of the Feasts, all of the shadows, all of the symbols, pointed to Christ.

- Therefore all O.T. features that pointed to Christ were now fulfilled.

Col 2:16-17

16 Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day –

17 things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.

- There is nothing more that needs to be added to it – redemption is complete: no atonement, no suffering, no co-redemptrix, and no works.

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- Jesus gives up His spirit. It is not taken away from Him.

John 10:17-18

17 "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again.

- 18 "No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again.
- This fulfilled 2 O.T. prophecies . . .

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John 19:31-37

31 Then the Jews, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

32 So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him;

33 but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe.

36 For these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture, "NOT A BONE OF HIM SHALL BE BROKEN." (Ps. 34:20)

37 And again another Scripture says, "THEY SHALL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY PIERCED." (Zech. 12:10)

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#4 – the centurion.

- What had the centurion seen?

1. No struggle by Jesus.
2. Total darkness for 3 hours.
3. Earthquake.
4. Rocks split.
5. Veil torn.
6. Bodies raised from the dead.

Matt 27:50-54

50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

51 And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split.

52 The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;

53 and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many.

54 Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened

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#5 – the crowds.

"spectacle" – a sight, a display, something of interest observed.

"beating their breasts" – a sign of remorse, lament, mourning.

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#6 – the acquaintances and the women.

- The last group were the acquaintances and the women.
- What must have been going through their minds as they recalled the ministry of Jesus that they witnessed?

Matthew 27:56	Mark 15:40	John 19:25
Mary Magdalene	Mary Magdalene	Mary Magdalene
Mary mother of James & Joseph =	Mary mother of James the less & Joseph =	Mary mother of Jesus
Mother of Zebedee's sons =	Salome =	Sister of Jesus' mother

Application

1. The cross brought all of redemptive history together.
2. The cross is the apex of wrath, mercy, grace, and love, all wrapped up in a Person – Jesus Christ.
3. The cross then becomes a visible representation of all that embodies salvation.