

Matthew 27:50-54

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Intro -

Matthew 27:45 - Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. And 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?”

Sign #1 - Darkness Over The Land

Matthew 22:13 - "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him *outside*, into the *darkness*, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Sign #2 - The Tearing Of The Temple Curtain

v. 51 - Then, behold, the veil (curtain) of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,

Hebrews 9:7 - Only the high priest ever entered the Most Holy Place, and only once a year. And he always offered blood for his own sins and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance.

Lev. 16:2 - The LORD said to Moses: "Tell your brother Aaron not to come whenever he chooses into the Most Holy Place behind the curtain... or else *he will die*, because I appear in the cloud over the atonement cover."

Colossians 1:16 - All things were created by Him and *for* Him.

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Psalm 16:11 - In God's *presence* there's fullness of joy.

1. The torn curtain reveals who God is.

2. The torn curtain shows that God isn't confined.

Acts 7:47-48 - Solomon build God a house (Temple). However, the Most High doesn't dwell in temples made with hands.

Psalm 139 - Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I go up to the heavens, You're there; if I make my bed in the depths, You're there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me.

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3. The torn curtain shows the love the Father has for the Son.

4. The torn curtain allows you to come into God's presence.

Hebrews 10:19-22 - Therefore, since we have confidence to enter *the Most Holy Place* by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way *opened* for us through the curtain, that is, His body... let us *draw near to God*.

v. 54 - So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, *“Truly this was the Son of God!”*

Sign #3 - The Opening of Believer's Graves

v. 51 - the earth quaked, the rocks were split, and the graves were opened. and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep (they had died) were raised; and coming out of the graves *after His resurrection*, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

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1 Cor. 15:20-23 - Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have died. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a Man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when He comes, those who belong to Him.

Ephesians 3:12 - In Him and through faith in Him we may enter God's presence with boldness and confidence.

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