

**A barrier removed, a grave defeated, a heart persuaded**



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# Matthew 27:32-56

## The crucifixion of Jesus

<sup>32</sup> As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. <sup>33</sup> They came to a place called Golgotha (which means 'the place of the skull'). <sup>34</sup> There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. <sup>35</sup> When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. <sup>36</sup> And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup> Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

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<sup>38</sup> Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>39</sup> Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, ‘You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!’ <sup>41</sup> In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. <sup>42</sup> ‘He saved others,’ they said, ‘but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, “I am the Son of God.”’ <sup>44</sup> In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

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## The death of Jesus

<sup>45</sup> From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. <sup>46</sup> About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, '*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*' (which means 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?').

<sup>47</sup> When some of those standing there heard this, they said, 'He's calling Elijah.'

<sup>48</sup> Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. <sup>49</sup> The rest said, 'Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him.'

<sup>50</sup> And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

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<sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split <sup>52</sup> and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. <sup>53</sup> They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and <sup>[c]</sup> went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

<sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, 'Surely he was the Son of God!'

<sup>55</sup> Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. <sup>56</sup> Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

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## 1.A Barrier Removed

## Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers and sisters, **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, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God

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**2.A Grave Defeated**



## Hebrews 2:14-15

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and **free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.**

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**3.A Heart Persuaded**

## John 12:31-33

Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will **draw all people to myself.**' He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.