

Miracles of Calvary

Matt. 27:50-54



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- ◆ Thousands of Jews were crucified during the Roman occupation of Palestine. Why do we remember only one of them?
- ◆ Miracles of the Cross:
 - Confounded the enemies of Christ
 - Confirmed the Deity of Jesus
 - Affirm our salvation



Miracles of Calvary

- ♦ There were 12 Miracles connected with the Death of our Savior. We will only consider the six that happened on the cross.
- ♦ Not considered:
 - He fulfilled every prophecy
 - God the Son died
 - 3 Prophecies - Mark 14:62; Thief; Peter's denial
 - Malchus' ear
 - Dream of Pilate's wife
 - Forgave the thief and pardoned all of our sins



Matt. 27:45, 50-54

- ◆ “Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. 50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. 51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, 52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many. 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!’”



THE SUN DARKENED

- ◆ Tertullian wrote to the heathen readers of his day; “This wonder is related in your own annals and is preserved in your archives to this day.”
- ◆ John 1:4-5, 9 - “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.”



HE GAVE UP THE GHOST

- ◆ He dismissed His spirit with an act of His will
 - John 10:18 - “No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”
 - John 19:30 - “So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.”



THE VEIL OF THE TEMPLE WAS TORN IN TWO

- ♦ 2Cor. 3:13-18 - “Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. 14 But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. 15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. 16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”



EARTHQUAKE

- ◆ Ex. 19:16 - “Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled.”
- ◆ 2Cor. 3:7 - “But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away”



THE STONES RENT APART

- ◆ Quake and rending of rocks recorded by the following early historians:
 - Phlegon in Logios
 - Julius Africanus in Chronographia
 - Eusebius in Chronicon
 - Cyril of Jerusalem in Catecheses



THE GRAVES OPENED AND RIGHTEOUS DEAD RAISED

- ◆ These resurrections made a statement of the promise of resurrection for all
 - 1Cor. 15:22 - “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.”
- ◆ Only the saints arose, persons that would be known and recognized in Jerusalem.



THE INTENDED EFFECT OF THE MIRACLES

- ♦ Matt. 27:54 - “So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly”
- ♦ Matt. 27:54 - “...Saying, ‘Truly this was the Son of God!’”
- ♦ Mark 15:39 - “This man was the Son of God.”
- ♦ Luke 23:47 - “Certainly this was a righteous man.”



Matt. 28:11-15

- ◆ “Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. 12 When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, 13 saying, ‘Tell them, “His disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.” 14 ‘And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure.’ 15 So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.”



1 Cor. 15:19-23

- ◆ “If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. 20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.”

