

Sermon Notes – April 18, 2025

Hope Rises – Easter Series

Week 3: Good Friday – The Veil Is Torn

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SCRIPTURE: Matthew 27:50-51 NKJV

"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; ..."

1) RESTRICTED ACCESS

- The veil was a physical and symbolic reminder of the separation between a holy God and a sinful people.
- Sin had restricted our access to the presence of God and right relationship with the Father.
- This restricted access was a reminder of the need for: Atonement, a Savior, and a Way Maker.

2) A DIVINE DECLARATION

- The tearing of the veil was a divine declaration that everything had changed!
- Torn from top to bottom: It wasn't the hands of priests that did it. It wasn't a man-made, or inspired action, it was God Himself! God was making a way... Everything was changing!!!
- Heaven was announcing that the price has been paid. The barrier is removed, and access is now granted!
- **How did this occur? What caused it?** The Cross and Jesus' atoning sacrifice and love poured out for us.
- "... we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. **20** By his death, [b] Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place." – Hebrews 10:19-20 NLT

3) THE WAY TO COMMUNION

- Jesus makes the way for us to have communion with the Father!
- The one who knew no sin, became sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Cor. 5:21)
- The cross and torn veil means we can approach God without fear or shame.
- Where once sin, and shame kept us at a distance, now His grace and atoning sacrifice brings us near.
- We have direct access to His presence, anytime, anywhere because of Jesus!