



When Jesus Died



A lit candle sits on an open book, casting a warm glow. The background is dark and textured, possibly a wall or a large book cover. The candle is yellow and has a bright flame. The book is open, with the pages visible. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the candle being the primary light source.

I. The Veil of The Temple Was Torn

A. Divided Into The Holy and The Most Holy

- The Most Holy Place houses the Ark representing God's presence *Isa.37:14-16*

16 "O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, **the One who dwells between the cherubim**, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth." *Isa.37*

- The High Priest could go into the Most Holy Place only one day a year *Lev.16:1-16*
- When Jesus died the veil was torn!

B. Jesus Became A New Veil

- Jesus is the new veil we can enter and draw near to God *Heb.10:19-23*

19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to **enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,**

20 By a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through **the veil**, that is, **His flesh,**

21 And having a High Priest over the house of God,

22 Let us **draw near** with a **true heart in full assurance of faith**, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Heb.10

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2 He is not a barrier to God *Heb.6:19-20*

19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the **Presence behind the veil,**

20 Where the forerunner has entered for us, **even Jesus, having **become High Priest forever** according to the order of Melchizedek.**

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14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has **broken down the middle wall of separation,**

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15 Having **abolished in His flesh the enmity**, that is, the **law of commandments** contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,

An open book is shown from a low angle, lying flat. The pages are aged and yellowed. Behind the book, a bright, warm light source creates a soft, golden glow that fills the background. The light is most intense directly behind the book and fades towards the top and sides. The overall atmosphere is one of mystery and illumination.

II. A Violent Earthquake Ensued

A. God Indicates Change By An Earthquake

- A new law was given with lightning, thunder, and an earthquake *Ex.19:15-20*

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. *Ex.19*

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18 Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly.

- A new system of worshipping and serving God was shown by these events
- How do we know that Christ's new law replaces Moses' Law?

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- Haggai indicates a great change would occur *Hag.2:6-7*

6 For thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Once more (it is a little while) I will **shake heaven and earth**, the sea and dry land;

7 And I will **shake all nations**, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,’ says the LORD of hosts.”” *Hag.2*

- Prophecy tells us of a changing to the Law of Christ!

B. God Replaces The Old Law With The New Law of Christ

- **Jeremiah foretells the establishment of a new covenant *Jer.31:31-34***
 - **Jesus is the mediator of a new and better covenant *Heb.8:6-13***
 - **A shake-up in heaven occurs: Jesus offers the perfect sacrifice *Heb.12:25-29***
 - **Jesus takes away the first that He might establish the second *Heb.10:8-10***



**III. The Graves Were
Opened**

A. What Does The Text Say?

- **We should not speculate about the unknown!**
 - **What do resurrected people look like?**
 - **What were their names?**
 - **How long did they stay alive?**
 - **Did they die again or translated?**
- **Saints were raised after His resurrection!**

B. A Great Promise Is Given To Us

- **Death will happen to all but Jesus will be with His people**
 - **Darkness and sadness are replaced by joy and hope *Psa.23***

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; **For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

- **Jesus will raise the dead in Christ and then those alive will change / *Thess.4:13-***



**IV. The Soldiers Reacted
Fearfully**

A. Hardened Soldiers Were Frightened

- Some unusual things occurred that day
 - Jesus' demeanor, Darkness, Earthquake
- The soldiers honored Jesus *Matt.27:54*

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!” *Matt.27*

- The multitude that witnessed the sight “beat their breasts” *Lk.23:46-48*

B. We Should Be Frightened and Moved By Jesus' death

- John testified to the piercing of Jesus' body on the cross *Jn.19:33-35*
 - We should believe though we have not seen! *Jn.20:29-31*
 - Thomas doubts because he hadn't seen

29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. **Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."**

Jesus Said We Should Believe What Is Written

30 And truly Jesus did **many other signs** in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;

31 **But these are written that you may believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.