

“The Son of God, Forsaken and Vindicated”

Matthew 27:45–54

**Big Idea: In his dying, Jesus was forsaken by God; but in his death, he was vindicated.**

- I. Forsaken in the Darkness (verses 45–50)
  - A. Three Hours of Darkness (verse 45)

Darkness: Creation Undone, Evil Judged, and Sinners Forsaken
  - B. Jesus’ Cry of Dereliction (verses 46–49)
  - C. Jesus’ Cry of Death (verse 50)
  
- II. Vindicated in His Death (verses 51–54)
  - A. The Temple Curtain Torn (verse 51a)

The Old Covenant Priesthood and Temple Rendered Obsolete

The New Covenant Offering Finished, Providing Unhindered Access to the Holy One Enthroned between the Cherubim
  - B. The Earth Shaken and Rocks Torn (verse 51b)

Such shaking is a characteristic manifestation of God’s holy presence.

Such shaking is often also a sign of creation being overturned by its Creator.
  - C. The Tombs Opened and Saints Raised (verses 52–53)
  - D. The Executioners’ Confession (verse 54)

Concluding Meditations

- 1) Jesus Christ alone can reconcile you to God.
- 2) Every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.