# What Happened the Moment Jesus Died?

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## INTRODUCTION

- We esteem, rightly or wrongly, we esteem people for how they look. And we judge people to a large extent based upon their appearance.
- There are numerous incidents in the story of the life of Christ that show to us that appearance was deceiving. Because he wasn't just a man.
- And what we're going to see is those events, those unusual, extraordinary events, prove that he was not just a man.

## 1 The Veil of the Temple Was Torn

**Matthew 27:51; Hebrews 9:6–7; Hebrews 9:11–12**

- Into the second part, the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance.
- The message of the Old Testament was, come unto me, but not too close.
- But when Jesus died, that veil was torn in two. What grand symbolism.
- Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood. He entered the most holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.
- And that access to God is now open.

## 2 The Earth Quaked and the Rocks Were Split

**Matthew 27:51; Haggai 2:6–7; Hebrews 12:25–28**

- No coincidence that shaking of the earth took place at that very moment when Jesus died.
- Once more, it is a little while, and I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land, and I will shake all nations.
- We've received a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and that unshakable kingdom was brought in when the earth and heaven shook.
- And as Haggai had prophesied, the earth shook once more. This wasn't just a man who had died upon that cross.

## 3 The Graves Were Opened

**Matthew 27:52–53; 1 Corinthians 15:54–57**

- The earth shook, the rocks split, and the graves were opened. And after his resurrection, those deceased bodies arose.
- His tomb was open and his body would come forth, based upon his sacrificial death upon that cross, means that one day our tombs will be open. And we will be resurrected.
- Death is swallowed up in victory. Oh death, where is your sting? Oh Hades, where is your victory?

- That through Jesus Christ, victory over death has been accomplished.

## 4 Surely This Was the Son of God

**Matthew 27:54; Luke 23:46–48**

- These were Roman, Gentile Roman soldiers, and these soldiers, it was their duty, their job to be there to carry out this sentence of execution.
- And so here are these hardened executioners, these soldiers, and they're moved.
- When the centurion saw what happened, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.
- Maybe too late for them, they realized this wasn't just a man who has been put to death upon this cross.

## 5 Our Atonement Was Complete

**1 John 1:1–3**

- What happened the moment Jesus died was that our atonement was complete.
- And if anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And he himself is the propitiation for our sins.
- And now a price needed to be paid that was equal to the gravity of the sin.
- The Hebrew writer says the blood of bulls and goats wouldn't do it. It took his blood.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Would you avail yourselves of the value of that day, of that moment of that death? Would you have that atonement complete and effective in your life by rendering obedience to the gospel?**

MY NOTES