

MYTH BUSTING SERIES

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DID HE DIE A MAN'S DEATH?

As we look at the death of Christ this week, think back through history from Abraham and Joseph to Alexander the Great and Napoleon, to current day political and military leaders. Whose life and death do you believe had the biggest impact on world history, other than Christ's? Compare their legacy to that of Christ's.

Matthew 27:45-54

The supernatural events surrounding the death of Christ:

What did the **darkness** from "the sixth to the ninth hour" (v. 45) represent? Pastor Welsh gave four possibilities in his sermon. See if you can remember them and discuss which one you think is correct.

The **temple veil** is split from top to bottom. What is the significance of this event? What did the veil represent?

How do you think the Jews responded to this event as it related to their sacrificial system and specifically the Day of Atonement when the priest would enter the Holy of Holies once a year to make atonement for Israel?

Read verses 51-53. What two supernatural events are described in these passages? What did this first event suggest about how God was feeling?

When did the risen saints walk around the holy city? What had occurred first?
What was God's purpose in performing this miracle?
Read I Corinthians 15:20-23.

The Roman soldiers **believed** after witnessing the way Christ suffered with dignity and his prayer to God to forgive them, his killers. They saw the darkness, felt the earthquake, and heard Jesus cry out to His Father. Their lives would never be the same. Read John 20:29. What does God call us?

APPLICATION:

Take communion this week either by yourself, alone in a quiet place or with your family. Read I Corinthians 11:23-26. Remember the suffering of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for the salvation of unbelievers at this Easter weekend services.

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