

What People Saw At The Cross of Christ

Mt.27:54, Centurion watched Jesus

- a. Feared greatly, 54 – earthquakes have this effect.
- b. Glorified God, Lk.23:47. Centurion: ‘Certainly this was a righteous man!’ [36, soldiers formerly mocked Him...]
- c. ‘Son of God’ – Mt.27:40,43, repeat title that mockers had hurled at Him.
- d. Crowd came for show, left with feelings of woe, Lk.23:48; thief repented, 42.
 - Centurion: professional executioner...
 - What did he see in Lord’s death . . . ?

I. Miracles At Calvary

- A. 45: darkness. No eclipse. Passover always came on full moon. Darkness for 3 hours
- God sent darkness on Egypt (Ex.10) - turns out lights in Judea
 - Lk.2:8-9...14, extraordinary light / darkness
- B. 51: veil torn in two. Mk.15:25...33, 34 – 3:00 p.m.
- C. 51: earthquake; rocks split. Nature seems indifferent to suffering. Not here.
- D. 52f.: tombs opened; bodies came out after His resurrection, appeared to many. His power over life and death was demonstrated to many.

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II. Fulfillment of Prophecy

[16 prophecies fulfilled in 24 hr. period]

- Ps.22:1, “My God...” - Mt.27:46
- Ps.22:7, shake heads (wag in mockery) - Mt.27:39
- Ps.22:7-8, ridicule – Mt.27:41-43
- Ps.22:16, hands / feet pierced – Jn.20:26-27
- Ps.22:17, people astonished – Lk.23:35
- Ps.22:18, garments parted; lots cast – Jn.19:24
- Ps.34:20, bones not broken – Jn.19:33
- Is.53:5, wounded (pierced, NASB) – Mt.27:12-14

- Is.53:7, **silent before accusers** – Mt.27:12-14
- Is.53:9, **rich man's tomb** – Mt.27:57-60
- Is.53:12, **crucified with thieves** – Mk.15:27-28
- Is.53:12, **pray for persecutors** – Lk.23:34
 - 8: for my people [thus not referring to nation]
 - 9-10: ct. 6:5, not Israel or Israel (unclean lips)
 - 10: guilt offering (Lv.6:6-7). – Lapide
- Zec.11:12, **thirty pieces of silver** – Mt.26:14-15
- Zec.11:13, **money cast to potter** – Mt.27:3-10
 - Why “Jeremiah”?

- Jews commonly combined quotes with only the more illustrious writer being mentioned by name
 - Mk.1:2-3 – quotes Malachi and Isaiah; mentions only Isaiah
 - Thayer – not Grimm?
 - Jer.19 + Zec.11
- OT divided into law, prophets, psalms – a quote from this section could be attributed to Jeremiah
- Matthew doesn't say the prophecy was written by Jeremiah, but spoken. Cf. Jd.14; Ac.20:35

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- Zec.12:10, side pierced... – Jn.19:34, 37
- Zech.13:7, disciples forsake Him – Mt.26:56

Many prophecies fulfilled by enemies who would not purposely fulfill one prophecy concerning Him

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III. End of the Law of Moses

Col.2:13-14

- Handwriting: statement of debt; IOU. Old Law – statement of debts
- Ordinances: God's Law contained rules that charged with guilt and cry for punishment
- Wiped (blotted out) wipe away, as writing from book. Refers to law with its obstacle to forgive what was removed
- Against us / contrary to us – condemned, but could not save
- Took it out of the way (perf. tense)
- How? Nailed it to the cross. It died when He died

Romans 8:1

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IV. The Greatest Sacrifice Ever

- Prophet, yet Mt.13:57. Lk.4:24
- Priest, Lk.23:34
- King, yet Lk23:2-3
- Son of God, Jn.19:7

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V. Salvation by Blood of Christ

- Mt.26:28 . . . 27:4 . . . 27:24
- Ep.1:7 . . . 2:16
- Ro.5:6-8