

April 9, 2017
The Last 24 - Mark's Passion
The Crucifixion
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Mark 15:16-39

The Why Le 17:11 Heb 9:22

undeniable truths

Jesus is King.

Eph 2:1-5 Phil 2:9-11

Jesus would rebuild the temple.

1 Cor 15:13-17

Jesus did not come to save himself

John 3:16-17 1 Tim 1:15

Jesus Made The Way.

Heb 4:16 1 Pet 2:9-10

Jesus is the Son of God

John 1:10-13 1 John 5:12

The Cross

Many people wear crosses around their necks today. Some people have crosses tattooed on their bodies. It appears that they are very religious and they understand the crucifixion.

What does the cross mean to our culture today?

What does it mean to Christians today?

Has the cross been de-legitimized today - or has it?

How would you describe the disconnect between the real meaning of the cross society's infatuation and use of it?

Read the story of the crucifixion in Luke 23: 18-49.

What emotions come to mind when you reflect upon what Jesus went through ?

Consider the other characters in the narrative. What do you think they were feeling as they watched Jesus walk to his death?

What parts of this story amaze you and why?

The Curtain

Read Numbers 18:1 - 7

Leviticus 16:1-17

What do you notice about the difficulty of coming into the presence of God?

What was the purpose of the curtain or the veil in the worship God designed in the Old Testament.

Why do you think God instituted so many regulations when it came to the Holy Place?

Read Hebrews 9: 1-9

This was such an elaborate plan of God, yet Hebrews tells us that it was simply ceremony. Why would God institute something that didn't seem to bring the ultimate freedom?

What was God trying to communicate through the Old Testament rules and regulations?

Based on the configuration of the temple and the thickness of the veils how do think the people in the old testament felt about their relationship with God?

Read Hebrews 9:11-14

The way to God is now open. This way was signified by the tearing of the temple curtain when Christ died.

How does it make you feel to know that you now have access to Almighty God?

How does it make you feel that you are privileged to live on "this side" of the curtain story?

Even though the temple curtain has been torn are there still any barriers between us and God?

If so, what are they?

Are there any areas in your life where the curtain is still blocking our relationship to God? Whatever it is - shame, guilt, embarrassment, sin - because of the cross, you can be free to come to God and allow Him to bring healing to your soul.