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Luke 23:44-45; Matt. 27:46-49; Luke 23:46; Matt. 27:54; Luke 23:48-56

Jesus Died

44 It was about noon, but the whole area became dark until three o'clock in the afternoon. 45 There was no sun! The curtain hanging between the holy place and the most holy place in the temple was torn right down the middle!

Matt. 27:46-49: At about three o'clock, Jesus shouted this loudly: "Eli, Eli, lema sabakhani!?" (In Aramaic this means: "My God, my God, why did you abandon me!?") Some of the men standing there heard this. They said, "This man is calling for Elijah."

One of them quickly ran and got a sponge. He soaked it in some sour wine. Then he put it on the end of a long stick and gave Jesus a drink. The other men said, "Leave him alone! Let's see if Elijah will come and save him!"

Luke 23:46 Jesus shouted, "Father, I put my spirit into Your hands." After Jesus said this, he died.

Matt. 27:54: There was an earthquake. A Roman army officer and some of his men were guarding the body of Jesus. When they saw the other things that happened, they were very frightened. They said, "This man really was God's Son!"

Luke 23:48 Many people had come out of the city to see this event. When the people saw it, they felt deep sorrow and left. 49 The people who were close friends of Jesus were there. Also, there were some women who had followed Jesus from Galilee. They all stood far away from the cross to watch.

The Rich Man's Grave

50-51 There was a man from Harimathea, a Judean town. His name was Joseph. He was a good, righteous man. He was earnestly looking for the kingdom of God. Joseph was a member of the Jewish Council, but he did NOT vote when the priests decided to kill Jesus.

52 Joseph went to Governor Pilate to ask for the body of Jesus. 53 So, Joseph took the body down from the cross and wrapped it in a linen cloth. Then he put Jesus' body into a cave which was cut out of solid rock. This tomb had never been used before. (Some men rolled a huge stone over the entrance to the cave.) 54 This was late on a Friday afternoon. (When the sun went down, the sabbath day would begin.)

55 The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus followed Joseph. They observed the tomb. Inside, they saw exactly where the body of Jesus was placed. 56 Then the women left to prepare some fragrant things to put on Jesus' body.

They rested on the sabbath day, according to God's command.