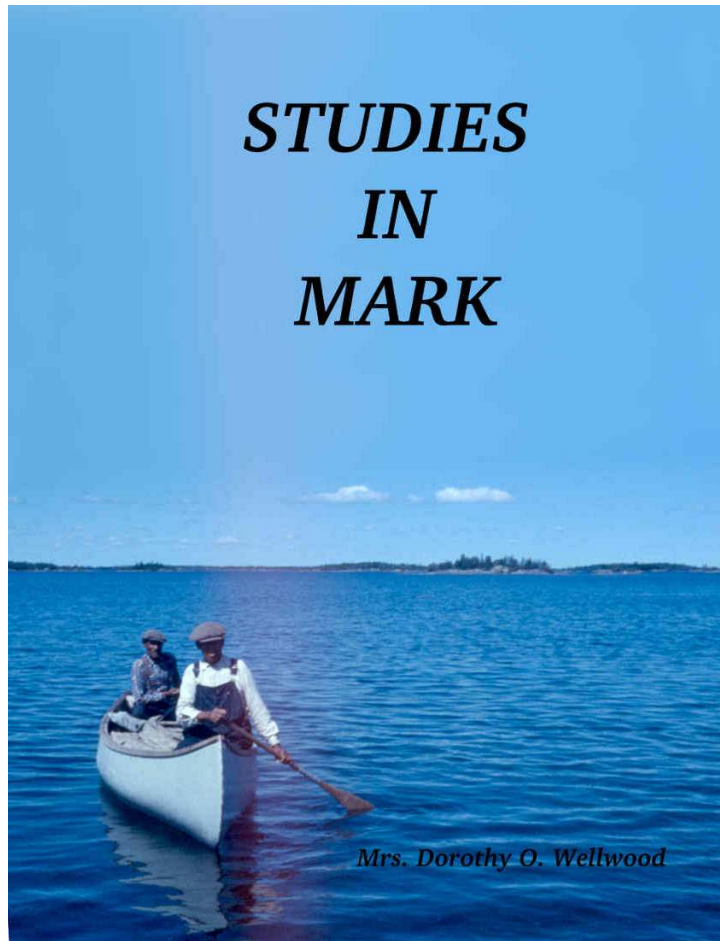


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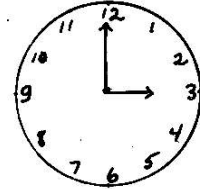
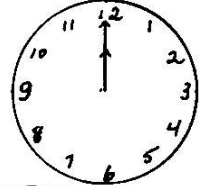
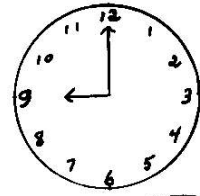


**LESSON 65**

## MARK 15:38-39

### REVIEW:

1. What happened to Jesus on Mount of Calvary at the third hour (9 o'clock in the morning) (Mark 15:25)?
2. What happened at the sixth hour (12 o'clock noon)? (verse 33)
3. What happened at the ninth hour (3 o'clock in the afternoon)? (verse 38 and Luke 23:45)

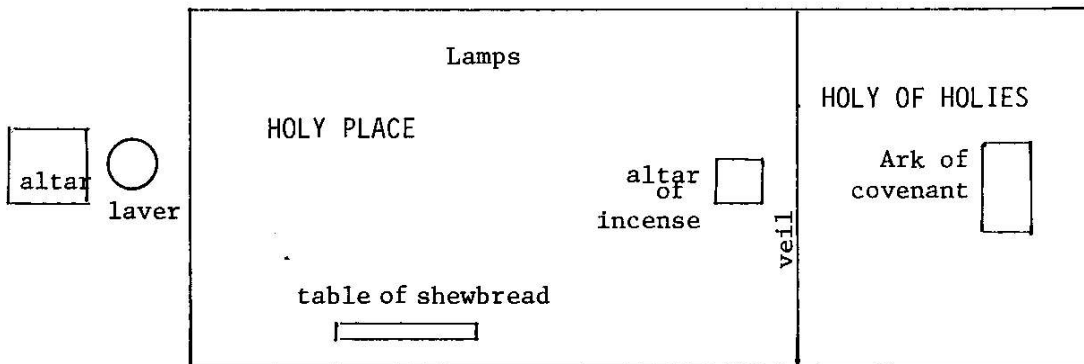


**READ MARK 15:38-39; MATTHEW 27:51-56**

### STRANGE HAPPENINGS

Strange things happened the moment Jesus died. The Lord Jesus gave up His Spirit. His Spirit went back to His Father in heaven. (Luke 23:46)

Suddenly the sun came out again. The darkness was past. (verse 33) The devil and his kingdom of darkness lost the battle that day and forever. The devil thought that he had killed Jesus. But by the death of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the devil was defeated forever.



Other things happened the moment Jesus died on the cross.

1. A most wonderful thing is mentioned in verse 38.

“The veil of the temple was \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.”

The veil of the temple was a thick white linen curtain. It was embroidered with blue and purple and scarlet. On it were pictures of the cherubim done with fine needlework. *(The cherubim are living creatures who serve God in heaven.)*

The veil of the temple hung between two rooms. One room was called the HOLY PLACE. Only the priests were allowed in the HOLY PLACE. The presence of God was in the other room. This room was called the HOLIEST or HOLY OF HOLIES. Nobody but the high priest was ever allowed into the HOLY OF HOLIES. The high priest went in only once a year to offer the blood of an animal for his own sins and the sins of the people. To go into the HOLY OF HOLIES, the high priest had to pass through the beautiful veil.

The temple down here on earth was only a picture of things in heaven. God showed Moses how to build the temple. (See Hebrews 8:5 and Exodus 25:40.)

Jesus is our great high priest now in heaven. When Jesus died, He went into the HOLY OF HOLIES in heaven. He did not sprinkle the blood of animals before God’s mercy seat in heaven. His own blood was shed on the cross. He sprinkled His own blood before God’s mercy seat in heaven.

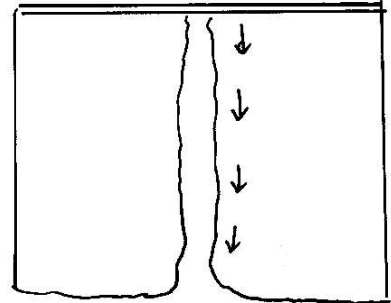
“FOR IT IS NOT POSSIBLE THAT THE BLOOD OF BULLS AND OF GOATS SHOULD TAKE AWAY SINS.” (Hebrews 10:4)

“NEITHER BY THE BLOOD OF GOATS AND CALVES, BUT BY HIS OWN BLOOD HE (JESUS) ENTERED IN ONCE INTO THE HOLY PLACE (IN HEAVEN) HAVING OBTAINED (bought) ETERNAL REDEMPTION FOR US.” (Hebrews 9:12)

“HAVING THEREFORE, BRETHREN, BOLDNESS TO ENTER INTO THE HOLIEST BY THE BLOOD JESUS, BY A NEW AND LIVING WAY, WHICH HE HATH CONSECRATED FOR US,

THROUGH THE VEIL, THAT IS TO SAY, HIS FLESH; AND HAVING AN HIGH PRIEST OVER THE HOUSE OF GOD; LET US DRAW NEAR WITH A TRUE HEART IN FULL ASSURANCE OF FAITH, HAVING OUR HEARTS SPRINKLED FROM AN EVIL CONSCIENCE, AND our bodies washed with the pure water, LET US HOLD FAST THE PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH WITHOUT WAVERING; (FOR HE IS FAITHFUL THAT PROMISED) . . ." (Hebrews 10:19-23)

When Jesus died the veil of the temple was torn in two. It was not torn by any man's hands. The veil was torn from top to bottom by the hands of God. God took away the veil that shut sinners out from His holy presence.



Now we have boldness to enter into the **HOLIEST by the blood of Jesus.**

The sunshine of God's love has broken through the darkness of our sin. God has promised us that,

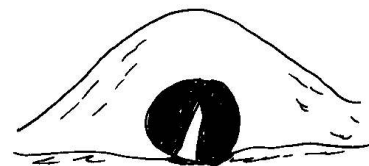
“ . . . if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, HIS SON CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN.” (1 John 1:7)

2. The death of Jesus Christ for our sin was an earth-shaking event. Matthew tells us in 27:51 that the **earth quaked.**

The very earth trembled at the awfulness of man's sin, and the greatness of Almighty God in saving us. Such love that gave the Son of God to save us from our sin should send us to our knees. How can we thank Him enough? Let us open our hearts to Him. He will change our lives. He will help us to hate sin and love the sinner. He will fill us with His joy. The pleasures of sin are very short. The joys that God gives us through His Son are everlasting.



3. Another thing that happened when Jesus died could have been caused by the earthquake. Matthew 27:51 says the rocks rent (were split open). You will



remember that in Bible times, dead people were buried in a room carved out of rock. A big stone was rolled over the doorway to close the grave. When God sent the earthquake at Jesus' death, some of these big rocks split apart and left the grave open. After Jesus rose from the dead in three days, some of the people came out of their graves and went into Jerusalem. Many people saw them. They were people who had died in faith, believing in the Savior God that promised. (Matthew 27:52,53)

4 Another wonderful thing happened. The centurion was one of the Roman soldiers. He was there when Jesus was nailed to the cross. He watched Jesus die. What did the centurion say when Jesus died? (Mark 15:39)

“ .”

One of the thieves who was crucified with Jesus was saved before Jesus died. (See Luke 23:39-43.) The centurion was saved right after Jesus died. There were others saved also. (Matthew 27:54)

If Jesus is not your Savior yet, why wait any longer? He loved you enough to die for you.

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