

***STUDIES  
IN  
MARK***



**LESSON 66**

## MARK 15:40-47

### REVIEW:

At three o'clock when Jesus died, the priests were in the temple. They were killing the evening sacrifice. That was what they were doing when a strange sound came from the direction of the HOLIEST PLACE in the temple. What could it be? No priest was in the HOLY PLACE at that time of day. The sacrifice was offered on the altar in the outer court. When a priest, who was allowed into the HOLIEST looked in, no doubt he would have been very much afraid.

The beautiful white curtain embroidered with blue, the scarlet and purple needlework was torn apart. That curtain was there to keep people from seeing into the HOLIEST PLACE. God was there and sinners would die if they walked in, or even looked into that HOLY PLACE. Who had torn the curtain and why did they tear it? And why did he not die when he looked in?

As the frightened priest looked at the torn curtain, he would have noticed how it had been done. The CURTAIN was torn from the **top to the bottom!** There was only one answer. GOD HAD TORN THE CURTAIN.

WHY HAD GOD TORN THE VEIL APART? Out there on the hill of Calvary, the Savior had just died. Now there was no longer any need for a veil to shut sinners out from the presence of a holy God.

What does Hebrews 10:19,20 say?

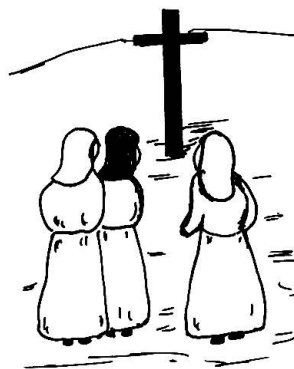
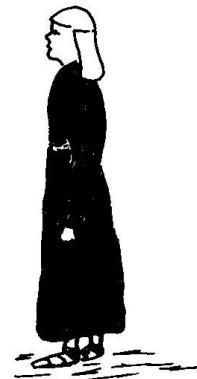
"Having therefore, boldness to enter \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_,  
by a new \_\_\_\_\_ which He hath consecrated (set apart) for  
that is to say, \_\_\_\_\_."

Now we can come to God by faith. He sees us no longer under our load of sin, but under the precious blood of His dear Son. God forgives us. The moment we put our trust in Jesus, He makes us fit to enter the presence of a holy God.

**READ MARK 15:40-41**

**WOMEN AT THE CROSS**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (out of whom Jesus had cast seven demons.  
(Mark 8:2)
2. \_\_\_\_\_, the mother of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (who followed Jesus when He was in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ unto Him. (verse 41) Possibly she was the mother of James and John, (Matthew 27:56)
4. Many other \_\_\_\_\_ (who came up with Him from Galilee to \_\_\_\_\_).  
(Matthew 27:55)



5. \_\_\_\_\_, the mother of Jesus (who stood by the cross while her Son was dying for her and for us. (John 19:25)
6. Jesus' mother's sister (His aunt). (John 19:25)
7. \_\_\_\_\_ (the wife of Cleophas). (John 19:25)

These women loved the Lord Jesus. Jesus' mother went up and stood by the cross. John 19:25. The other women stood far off. They must have suffered as they watched Jesus dying such a cruel death. When He walked with them and taught them, they "ministered unto Him" (*took care of His needs*). They could do nothing for Him now, but He would know they cared. It was to these women the Lord Jesus first showed Himself after He rose what the dead.

## READ MARK 15:42-47

### THE BURIAL OF JESUS

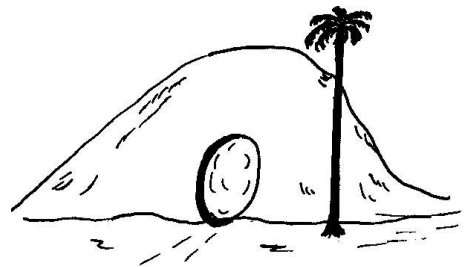
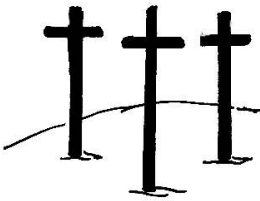
Jesus was crucified on Friday. Saturday was the Jewish Sabbath. No work could be done on the Sabbath Day. The Sabbath Day began Friday night as soon as it was dark. Jesus' body had to be taken down from the cross and buried before the Sabbath day began. (verse 42)

Another Jewish law said that the body of anyone who died on a cross had to be taken down before dark.

Jesus died between two thieves. In the eyes of both Romans and most of the Jews, Jesus was a criminal too. The Romans did not bother to have a funeral for a criminal. They often dragged the dead man's body away and threw it into a pit. This could not be done to the body of Jesus. More than 700 years before the death of Jesus, God told the Jews that their Messiah would not be buried as a criminal. Read what the prophet Isaiah said in Isaiah 53:9. This verse tells us that Jesus would make

“ . . . his grave (he would die) with the wicked (among thieves) and with

.”



1. Who came to ask for the body of Jesus after He died on the cross? (verse 43)

What are some of the things the Bible tells us about this man, JOSEPH?

- 1) Where did he come from (verse 43)
- 2) What kind of a man was he? (verse 43) an
- 3) What was he waiting for? (verse 43)
- 4) Was he rich or poor? (Matthew 27:57)
- 5) What other important thing do we learn about Joseph? "He was  
." (Matthew 27:57)
- 6) What did Luke say about Joseph? (Luke 23:50)  
". . . was a man and ."

Joseph of Arimathaea was a rich man and an honorable counsellor. He was not afraid to go boldly to the Roman governor. He was not afraid to ask Pilate for the body of Jesus. (verse 43)

2. Why was Pilate surprised? (verse 44)
3. Why did Pilate call for the centurion? (verse 44)  
Pilate did not want to take any chances. If Jesus was not quite dead, His friends might take Him down from the cross and take care of Him. Jesus might get better, and then Pilate would be in trouble.
4. Did the centurion tell Pilate that Jesus was dead? (verse 45)
5. How did the centurion know for sure that Jesus was dead? READ John 19:31-37.  
Verses 33 and 34 say,  
"But when they came to Jesus, and saw that ,  
they brake not His legs: but one of the soldiers with a , His side."

See Psalm 34:20.

Two prophecies were fulfilled when Jesus died.

- 1) The prophet David wrote of Jesus. (John 19:37)  
"A bone of Him ."

2) The prophet Zechariah is quoted in John 19:37

“ . . . They shall \_\_\_\_\_ whom \_\_\_\_\_ .”

Every promise in God's Word is true and must be kept.

6. Did Pilate give Jesus' body to Joseph (verse 45) \_\_\_\_\_ .

7. Alone Joseph could not carry away the body of Jesus. Who came along to help Joseph? (John 19:39) \_\_\_\_\_ .

8. Verse 46 in Mark 15 tells us what that these two friends of Jesus did with His body. READ the verse and then LIST the things these two rich friends of Jesus did for Him:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ ,
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ ,
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ ,
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ .

Joseph had a new tomb carved out of the rock. He had it made for himself, but he gladly gave it to Jesus.

Which two women followed the men who buried Jesus?  
and \_\_\_\_\_ . They wanted to know where Jesus was buried.

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