

THE RENT VEIL!

TEXT: Matthew 27:50-51

INTRO:

A. The context: The crucifixion of Jesus Christ!

1. The mock trial, The scourging, The mockery (robe and crown of thorns); The nails; The cross; The crowd ...The words of our Saviour ...Then he yielded up the ghost!

B. The comment of Matthew: "BEHOLD".

1. "Behold" - "take a lingering look at" - Something of great importance!
2. What is so important about the VEIL of the temple?
 - a. The tabernacle and temple and all their furniture TYPED the Lord and His finished work.
 - b. *Discuss the Tabernacle/Temple*
3. The veil - the curtain of separation!
 - a. It separated the holiest of all from the holy place.
 - b. It covered the Ark of the Covenant and Mercy Seat (Num. 4:5).

C. The veil was a type of the human body of our Lord Jesus Christ (Heb. 10:19-20).

1. The color of the fabric speak of Christ's body.
 - a. Blue - from heaven (Ex. 26:31-32; John 6:51).
 - b. Purple - kingly (Ex. 26:31-32; Mark 15:17-18; Revelation 17:14)
 - c. Scarlet - sacrifice / blood (Ex. 26:31-32; Psalms 22:6; 1 Peter 1:18-19).
 - d. A dye gathered from a crushed worm - scarlet or crimson
2. The nature of the fabric speaks of Christ's body.
 - a. "Fine linen" (Ex. 26:31-32; Hebrews 7:26) - "Fine linen" is "white" linen.
 - b. "Twined" (Twisted - interwoven) - (Ex. 26:31-32; Colossians 2:9).
 - aa. The humanity and deity of Christ is so interwoven that they cannot be separated.

D. A look the significance of the veil being RENT!

1. THE VEIL WAS RENT!
 - a. The veil had long been whole! - It was whole through out it use in the O. T.
2. On this day it was rent!

I. THE RENT VEIL CHANGED A BARRIER INTO A GATEWAY (Jn. 14:2)!

A. The veil itself CONCEALED and SHUT UP the way into the holy of holies (Ex. 26:33).

1. The veil was a barrier - it said, "you cannot inter here"!
2. It protected God in His HOLINESS from sinful man!

B. Christ in his human body was HOLY - PERFECT (Hebrews 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22).

1. The life of Christ SHOWED the WAY TO GOD (Jn. 14:4-6)!
 - a. The way to God is BY holiness (Isaiah 35:8)
2. If Christ had come and NOT DIED the veil would still divide.
 - a. If Jesus was just a pattern WE COULD NOT FOLLOW HIS PATTERN!

C. The rent veil was a MUST - Christ must be RENT!

1. Christ MUST suffer and die (Lk 9:22; Heb. 9:22-23).
2. The death of Christ MADE the way to God.
 - a. With out the DEATH of Christ there would be no way for sinners to enter into the Most Holy Place.
 - b. Through His death SINNERS are made HOLY (Heb. 10:9-14).

D. There is a WAY (Heb. 10:19-20; I Tim 2:5).

II. THE VEIL WAS RENT WHILE HANGING!

A. When was the veil rent?

1. It was rent while is hung between heaven and earth (Matt. 27:50-51).

B. The BODY of Christ was rent while hanging on the cross (Gal. 3:13)!

1. It was on the cross that Christ MADE the way to the Most Holy Place!
2. It was THERE (one the cross) that Jesus PUT AWAY sin (Heb. 9:2; 1:3).
 - a. The sinless life of Christ would avail us nothing without His substitutionary death!

III. THE VEIL WAS RENT DIVINELY!

A. Man could NOT make a way to the Holiest of all!

1. Man CANNOT go to God on his own!
2. God must make a way for man to come to him!

B. It was rent from TOP to BOTTOM or from HEAVEN to earth (Matt. 27:50-51).

1. God rent the veil (Psa. 22:1, 15; Isa. 53:10).

C. God made the way to himself.

1. God GAVE his son (Jn. 3:16).
2. Jesus Christ is the WAY to God (Heb. 7:25).

IV. THE VEIL WAS RENT COMPLETELY!

A. Top to bottom - it is finished (Matt. 27:50-51; Jn. 19:30).

B. The veil IS RENT!

1. There is a way!
 - a. The way is OPEN today!
 - b. Though Jesus DOES NOT NOW suffer, He ever bears in his glorified body the MARKS of being a rent veil (Jn. 20:26-27)!
2. There is no need for another way to be saved (Heb. 10:10).
 - a. There is NO OTHER way to be saved (Acts 4:12)!

CON:

A. Would you come to GOD?

1. You must come his way!
2. His way is the way of holiness!
 - a. His HOLY demands are a barrier!
 - b. He has met His own demands!

B. The way has been made (Heb. 10:19-20).

1. Come to Him for salvation - Mercy has been revealed (Heb. 7:25)!
2. Come unto Him!