

Series: ALL In
Msg: The Place Jesus Went All In For Us
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- Welcome everyone, all of our campuses, our online and tv communities and all of you here...
- If you need a Bible...
- This is my Bible..
- Please remain standing as we go to the text from which my assignment comes today...

John 19:30b NKJV He said, "It is finished!"

- Today in our series all in, I want to minister to you from the subject The Place Jesus Went All In For Us!
- Let' Pray...

1 Week From 8 days that Changed the World

- Today we are exactly one week away from the most consequential 8 days in human history or what we call Passion Week, which begins on Palm Sunday aka Lamb Selection day to the Jews in preparation for the Passover and ends of course on Resurrection Sunday, the day where Jesus definitely dismissed every doubt that He was Divinity clothed in humanity by defeating death, hell and the grave.

To the Cross

- Nevertheless we will save the monumental and fundamental truths of the Resurrection for our time together 2 weeks from now, but today I want to back up from the Resurrection to the event that made the resurrection a requirement and that was His crucifixion, or as one writer put it...
 - *There could be no joy of Sunday without the sorrow of Friday.*

Another wrote:

- *Indeed the resurrection displayed God's power, but at the cross it is God's love on display before the astonished eyes of both earth and heaven. For the cross is the hinge point of human history. It is the fulcrum of God's grand, brilliant lever – four thousand years in the making that in a single day pried a fallen world from Satan's soul-killing grasp. And it is at the foot of the cross, and there alone, that we can look with horrified wonder upon the raw ferocity of God's love for a fallen race.*

Yet another described the crucifixion as:

- *The mystery of a love that did not have to be but was and is.*
- Never before or since has such love been on open display as it was on Calvary's tree.

Does Jesus really love us you ask?

- **He proved it to us in His incarnation** – willingly forsaking the privileges and glory of heaven to trudge through the mud, muck and mire of this cursed planet
- **He proved it to us when He said I am your friend** and became like we are; not deity humanized, nor humanity deified. All God, and yet all man.
- **He proved His love for us by His association.** The religious crowd despised him for dining and doing life with all the wrong people – allowing adulteresses to wash his feet, freely accepting dinner invitations from tax collectors, touching unclean lepers, and never once shrinking back at our repulsive evil.

- BUT Calvary is the place where He, most proved His love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us and with every splash of blood that dripped off His naked body to the earth He was shouting out He loves us!
- Does God love me? The cross
- Does God care? The cross
- Does God feel my pain? The cross
- Does God understand what I'm going through – The Cross
- Do I matter to God – The Cross
- Does God want to deliver me – The Cross

One scholar so eloquently put it when He said

There is still a question mark against human suffering, but over it we boldly stamp another mark, the cross that symbolizes divine suffering.

The Cross – God is For Us

- ❖ If His birth is evidence of God with us, His death is a resounding exclamation point that God is for us!

We are told this truth over and over again in scripture...

Psalm 118:6 NKJV The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

Psalm 56:9 NKJV When I cry out to You, Then my enemies will turn back; This I know, because God is for me.

Romans 8:31 NKJV What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

- We are told that God is for us over and over again in scripture, but the cross is where God showed us that He was unquestionable for us!
- Can you give God some praise for the cross!

God Flips the Paradigm on All-IN

- Indeed the cross is where Jesus went all in for you and I, at a cost that I am not sure we will ever be able to fathom.
- We have defined all in as full devotion to Christ no matter what the cost, but the cross is where God flipped that paradigm and proved His complete devotion to us at a cost beyond what human words can convey, but I will try...
- My challenge is really where to start.
- I could begin with the actual crucifixion and walk you through the humiliation, the horror of scourging at the hands of the hateful Roman soldier, and the asphyxiation of those who endured this heinous way of dying.
- I could then walk you through what His body looked like as He hung on that tree, quoting the great prophet Isaiah who said it best when He said, “his visage was marred more than any man.”
- But let us fast forward to the loneliest intersection in the history of mankind, the intersection of two rough-hewn beams of wood, better known as the Cross of Christ, the place where our Savior went all in for us and let us examine the price He paid in His own words immortal words.

7 Dying Words

- These are the dying words of our living Savior.

- Of course every word that our Savior spoke in His brief life on earth is of great value to us, and we rightly study them, parse them and mine them for meaning as we seek direction for our lives and comfort for our souls; and well we should because only He has the words of eternal life.
- However His dying words, 7 in total, convey to us a price so high and a love so deep that they should take every heart from where it is to the place God calls us all to be and that is ALL-In For Him.
- 7 of them in all, the number of God's completion and perfection, we would expect nothing less from our Faithful Savior.
- All seven spoken over a span of 6 hours, 6 being the number of, who when confronted with the complete work of Christ is made perfect in Him.
- These words spoken from 9 am to 3 pm.
- The first three spoken in the full light of the Judean sun and the last 4 after the sun hid it's face in sympathy over the agonizing cries of our All In Omnipotent Savior.
- For a man to speak anything in His condition is hard to believe but Jesus spoke not once but 7 times.

The First Word – The Cross Was the Place Where He Interceded for Us

Luke 23:34NKJV Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

- Jesus has long last reached the crescent of Calvary, willfully walking and stumbling, even crawling to the place of the skull and it's time for the soldiers to continue their cruel work.
- All four soldiers are positioned to execute the three that are to be crucified that day.
- Two common thieves and He whose crime is inscribed on placard and attached to the cross He bore, King of the Jews.
- The thieves are first and the nailing goes as is customary, they resist at first but the preceding floggings have taken their fight out of them, nevertheless, the Roman soldiers hurl profanity after profanity at them as they drive the spikes in.
- With those two fastened to their crosses and hoisted up, it's now time to deal with Jesus.
- Surprisingly He gives no resistance at all.
- To the shock of the soldiers, He who has the power to call on 12 legions of angels to come to His rescue, He whose words held the power to speak the worlds into existence, holds his tongue and refuses to call for help, and surrenders with no resistance to their bidding.
- But the real shock to the soldiers is what comes next.
- They hear him speak in Aramaic, Abba; a Jewish stander by interprets - that means Father.
- Why is He calling on His Father?
- He is praying for you – Father Forgive them for they know not what they do, that's what He is saying.
- The soldiers are shocked, shocked so much that one of them who would later thrust a spear into His side; in remorse would say, "Surely this was the Son of God."

This Is Why He Came!

- How could it have been any other way?
- Our Surrendered Savior's first words are words of forgiveness as nails are being driven deep into His hands.
- As His guiltless blood is being spilt to the ground, mercy falls from His lips.
- This is why He came!

John 3:17 NKJV For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Even then, our HP was interceding for us.

- The soldiers heard it, the thieves to His left and right heard it, the onlookers heard it, but most importantly the Father heard it.
- Forgive them!
- This petition for mercy extends beyond the soldiers and ripples through time like an ocean of grace for whosoever will.
- There on the cross as He is bleeding He is interceding!
- It was what He did then and it is what He forever does...

Heb 7:25 NKJV Therefore He is also able to save ^[h]to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

- The cross is the place He interceded for us.

The cross is where He stood in the gap for us.

- For every person who is going through – Jesus is interceding for you.
- For every trial, for every tragedy, for every storm, for every sickness, for every setback, for every struggle, for every sin, for every act even when it's done intentionally Jesus is interceding for you.
- He is standing in the gap between the enemy and the Father with the cross in mind saying that's why you can forgive them, because of that price I paid!

Thank you for the cross!

- Thank you for the cross!
- It's because of the cross, that we can receive His great mercy and are not consumed!
- The cross is that place where He shed His blood and from that cross runs a stream of mercy and sinners plunged beneath that blood lose all their guilty stains!
- Thank you for the cross!

The Second Word – The Cross is the Place Where He Answered Prayer For Us

Luke 23:43NKJV And Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

Silence Among a Sea of Insults

- Jesus has spoken His first words but since has been silent in sharp contrast to the hellish chorus of voices all around Him.
- The soldiers have divided up His clothes, the prize possession being His seamless robe of considerable value, and as they rolled their dice to see who would win, they hurled their insults at him, but they weren't the only ones.
- The religious leaders hurled insults his way also, He saved others, let him save himself, if he is the Christ, the chosen of God, they mocked.

The Thieves

- And if the insults from beneath the cross were not enough then came an insult from one of the thieves on His left...

Luke 23:39 “If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us.”

- But unexpectedly, the thief hanging on His right spoke up with a rebuke for his fellow criminal...

Lk 23:40-41 NKJV “Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.”

- Something in Jesus convinced him that Jesus was who He claimed to be.
- Maybe it was His grace in handling the insults, or His refusal to fight back, maybe it was the miracles He knew He did, or the prayer he heard Him pray for His executioners.
- Whatever it was faith awoke in this man's heart and it prompted him to pray to...

Luke 23:42 NKJV “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.”

Silence Broken From A Feeble Cry of Faith

- With every insult hurled His way, the King of Glory opened not His mouth but yet the feeblest cry of faith from the lips of even someone undeserving compels from Him a response.
- And not just any response but a response that is exceedingly, abundantly above all that the thief could ask or imagine.
- The man asked to be remembered and Jesus said:

Luke 23:43 NKJV “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

Exceeding Abundantly Above

- Is it any wonder when He comes back riding on a white horse that on his thighs will be written faithful and true!
- This thief asks to be remembered and instead he becomes the first to discover the glorious truth of the cross of Christ and that is:

Romans 10:13 NKJV For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”

- He is there only a few hours, the work has not yet completed the work of salvation but He is already fulfilling His word when He said:

John 12:32 NKJV And I, if I am ^[a]lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.”

All Peoples - Whosoever

- All peoples – the ones who the world says deserve it and the ones who the world says don't.
- All peoples, the young and the old, the rich and the poor, male and female, black and white, good living and bad living, whosoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved!
- He came to seek and to save that which was and is lost.
- If your lost today, call on His name!

He is a faithful God, Who Answers Our Prayer Because of Jesus

- I said He is a faithful God.
- He is a prayer answering God.
- He is an exceedingly, abundantly, above all that we can ask or think God.
- He doesn't answer our prayers because we are worthy, He answers our prayers when we put our faith in who He is and what He paid for on the cross.
- Because of the cross, the place where He answered prayer for us, every promise of God in Him is yes and amen.
 - Come on somebody – healing is yes and amen
 - Deliverance is yes and amen
 - Peace is yes and amen
 - Joy is yes and amen
 - Prosperity is yes and amen
 - Wisdom is yes and amen

- Wholeness is yes and amen
- Soundness of mind is yes and amen
- Protection is yes and amen

- ❖ It's called by grace through faith.
- ❖ We receive God's Riches AT Christ Expense when we put our faith in who HE is and what He has done FOR US on the cross!

The Third Word – The Cross is the Place Where We He Affirms Us

John 19:26-27NKJV ...He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!"²⁷ Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!"

Catches Two Sets Of Eyes

- As Jesus looks down in a sea of contrary faces and evil ears glaring back at Him, He sees two sets of eyes filled with heartbreak and tears, one set from His closest friend, who stood by the cross when all others deserted Him and the other the eyes of His mother, witnessing what no mother should ever see.
- Words cannot capture the pain Mary must have felt, but in her deepest moment of despair Jesus offers her a word of comfort.

THE Woman!

- Some would say, calling His mother "woman," was not a word of comfort but rather a word of disrespect and oh, how wrong they would be.
- Woman was the word ascribed to her when she was created from the rib of the man way back in the garden.
- But more importantly, woman was the title given to her by God, after sin had slipped into the soul of mankind at the hands of the sinister plot of satan in the garden.
- You might recall the prophetic declaration of deliverance that God spoke to satan when he thought that he had outsmarted God in the garden...

Gen 3:15 NKJV And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

What is going through Mary's mind?

- Is she remembering the angelic announcement from Gabrielle, where is he know
- Is she remembering him in the carpenters shop learning from Joseph
- Is she remembering the time when he was 12 that he ran away
- Is she remembering the first miracle at the wedding fest of cana
- She was undoubtedly remembered moments in His life and her heart was grieving to the point of being beyond consolation and so Jesus spoke this third word to remind her of who she was and who He was.
- ❖ **Jesus is reminding Mary that she was THAT woman.**
 - That she was the chosen of all the women on the earth God spoke of in that prophecy in Genesis, for this most important assignment.
 - And because she was chosen, she was graced to go through what she was experiencing in the moment.
 - Momma, He was saying never forget who you!
 - You are THAT woman!!!

❖ **But more importantly, don't forget who you bore.**

- Jesus was reminding her that this was the bruising of the heel but that in 3 days from now, the third word, the serpents head was going get crushed.
- That although she was witnessing His death that she would also witness His resurrection.

3 in the Bible is significant...

- It is the number of intensity, called a Semetic triplet, such as Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord
- It is the number that represents, love and heart and new life.
- It is also the number that represents the God head
- It is also the number of gifts the Magi brought to Jesus in the company of Mary and Joseph, the myrrh – His death, the Gold – His royalty and the Frankincense – His diety
- Jesus was reminding Mary just as she was THAT women He was that SAVIOR, and although it was a Friday of great despair, Sunday of greater victory was coming!

Our Identity At the Cross

- What does this mean for us?
- The cross is the place where we found our identity in Him.
- The enemy is unleashing an identity attack against humanity and Jesus is crying out from the cross, don't you forget who you are in me.

- *You are a masterpiece and an overcomer*
- *You are a victor and more than a conqueror*
- *You are made in the image and likeness of God*
- *You are the crown jewel of creation*
- *You are a mighty warrior*
- *You are an heir and joint heir with Christ*
- *You are the head and not the tail*
- *In Him you are a new creation*
- *In Him you are the righteousness of God*
- *And in Him you are a child of God*

- ❖ The cross is the place where He Affirms us, because it's where we find our identity.
- ❖ Not a warped identity placed on us by a confused culture, but a wonderful identity given to us by our caring creator who made us in His image and likeness.

The Fourth Word – The Cross is the Place Where He Was Forsaken For Us

Mark 15:34 NKJV And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

The Earth Reveals What's Happening Behind the Veil -Darkness

- With the fourth word, the earth depicts what is happening behind the natural veil of this world and Jesus is now experiencing what caused Him to sweat drops of blood in the garden of Gethsemane.
- It wasn't the crucifixion, the spikes, the humiliation, the pain, the marred visage, or any of that, it was knowing that the accumulated sin guilt of fallen billions would be poured out on Him.
- That He would literally become sin for us who knew no sin.

Why is Not Surprise It's Scripture

- And This cry from the cross, My God, My God why have you forsaken me, is not one of surprise but instead it is our suffering savior standing on the word of scripture that He Himself authored.

- In His suffering He is quoting the prophetic verses in Ps concerning Him when it says:

Ps 22:1-2 NKJV My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning? ² O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; And in the night season, and am not silent.

The Lesson – In Your Darkest Hour Stand on Scripture

- From Him let us learn an invaluable lesson of how to prevail when life is at its darkest and that is to quote the word of God!
 - Do not be silent in your night seasons!
 - His whole earthly life, mission and message was defined in terms of God's Word.
 - Every circumstance and every challenge brought a scripture to Jesus lips.
 - When confronted by the devil, Jesus quoted scripture.
 - He cited it to answer His disciples endless questions.
 - He quoted it to refute and confound the Pharisees and Sadducees.
 - And now, alone and God forsaken, the accumulated sin and depravity of mankind on Him, every sickness and disease, every satanic spell and demonic depravity, of an entire race upon Him, with the Father withdrawing His presence Jesus once again draws on the eternal word of scripture.
- ❖ He is teaching us even as He is forsaken for us – in your darkest hour stand on the life giving words of scripture!
- In your darkest hour stand on the word
 - At your lowest moments stand on the word
 - When you feel God forsaken stand on the word
 - When the enemy has surrounded stand on the word
 - When death is bearing down, stand on the word!
 - For its life to those who find it!

God Forsaken!

- And so in this surreal, sovereign moment, when He has tasted of the full fury of God for all of the injustices and sin of every human who would ever live, past, present and future, God the Father for the first time ever, turned His face from God the son, and He who knew no sin was forsaken by the father.
- He who never tasted what it was like to be separated from the Father now felt the full weight of the Fathers fury and became God forsaken.
- To be forsaken by a friend is sad, a family member even sadder, but the depth of all sorrow is to be not man forsaken but God forsaken, and Jesus for the first time experiences this unequalled pathos.
- God manifest in the flesh, now forsaken by the Father, in order to purchase back what a the first man Adam relinquished now had to fully lay aside His divinity and receive full payment for our sin, which is separation from the father.

❖ *And there on Calvary, the cross became the place He was forsaken for us, so we can be forgiven and accepted by God.*

Scripture says it this way...

2 Corinthians 5:21NKJV For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- Thank you for the cross Jesus! Thank you for the cross Jesus!

The Fifth Word – The Cross is the Place Where He got thirsty for Us

John 19:28-30 ESV ²⁸ *After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.”* ²⁹ *A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.*

Is anyone else shocked by these two words “I thirst?”

- How can the one who creates the seas be thirsty?
 - How can the one who commanded the ocean to be still be thirsty?
 - How can the one who creates and controls the water be thirsty?
 - How can He who brought water from a rock for Moses be thirsty?
 - How can the same one who flooded the earth during the times of Noah be thirsty?
 - How can he who said he was living water be thirsty?
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- Is there anyone else that is shocked by His cry from that cruel cross, “I thirst.”
 - He did that for US!

On a Hyssop Branch:

- Did you notice that when they offered him the drink they dipped the wine in a hyssop branch and offered it to him.
- Why a hyssop branch?
- Because that’s what the children of Israel used to dip in the blood of the sacrificial lamb and put it over the doorposts on that first Passover, so the death angel would no harm their house.
- And now, Jesus is on the cross and they hold up the hyssop branch to the final sacrificial lamb as He says, “I thirsty!”

299 Out of 300:

- By the time we come to this stage of the crucifixion, Jesus has fulfilled 299 out of 300 messianic prophecies.
- 299 fulfilled prophecies in the person of Christ.

One Green Grain of Sand

Listen to the likelihood of just 48 of these prophecies being fulfilled by one person.

Imagine that you could take a spaceship, travel for as long as you want, stop one time, open the little porthole and reach out to pick up one grain of sand from all of these trillion, trillion universes. That grain of sand would have to be the one colored green.

What are the odds that this could happen? The odds that this could happen are the same odds that 48 of these prophecies could come true in any man who ever has lived throughout history.

One More to Be the Perfect Sacrifice:

- That’s just to fulfill 48, He has fulfilled 299 but there is only one left.
- The final prophecy is recorded in Ps 69

Psalm 69:21-22(ESV) ²¹ *They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.* ²² *Let their own table before them become a snare; and when they are at peace, let it become a trap.*^[a]

- This was the only prophecy that Jesus had not fulfilled up to that point.
- He was on 299 and he had only 1 left to go, so that he could be not an almost perfect sacrifice for our sin, not a 299 out of 300 sacrifice for our sin, but a perfect and complete sacrifice for our sin.

Connect the Dots – So He Got Thirsty...

- And so He got thirsty – why?
- So that he could become the total fulfillment of messianic prophecy and be our perfect savior.

- He got thirsty for us!
- He got thirsty cause we needed him to!

Let's bring this in for a landing...

The Sixth Word – The Cross is the Place Where He finished for Us

John 19:30 NKJV He said, "It is finished!"

- Our English translates this Gk work into three, but this sixth word is really just one, Tetelestai!
- One word, perhaps an indication of the amount of human strength He had left, nevertheless one word that says it all.
- Tetelestai means more than just the thing has ended.
- It has far greater implications than merely a clock that has run out and a game that has concluded.
- It is a declaration that all has now been accomplished and at everything lacking has now been supplied!

First it means He fully finished the work that His Father sent Him to do.

- Like a servant sent on a mission who returns to His master, Jesus uses the cultural term – Tetelestai telling the Father I have done exactly and completely what you have asked of me.

- ❖ Although our lives can never measure up to the complete obedience of Jesus, let each of hold in their heart the desire to stand before God and say I have finished my course I have fought the good fight of faith and I have fulfilled the very purpose for which you God have placed me on the planet – Tetelestai!

Secondly, Tetelesai, was the Greek equivalent to the Hebrew word spoken by the HP when he presented a sacrificial lamb without spot or blemish.

- The HP would enter the Holy of Holies and pour the blood of that spotless lamb on the mercy seat of the Ark of the Cov and when that blood hit that mercy seat the HP would say kawlaw, indicating that the sins of the people were atoned for, for another year granted temporary forgiveness.
- But on the cross Jesus was both the Lamb of God and the High Priest of man and in that Holy moment our great HP offered His own blood for the permanent removal of sin, and in that instant there remained no more need of further offering for sin and so Jesus yelled – Tetelestai!

This is why the scripture tells us in Heb 9:12

Hebrews 9:12 NKJV Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

Thirdly Tetelestai was used in business to signify full payment of a debt.

- In fact when a debt was fully paid off the parchment on which the debt was recorded was stamped tetelestai.

- This is what happened to your son and mine and to whoever will call upon the name of the Lord, thus the scripture triumphantly declares...

Colossians 2:14 NKJV having wiped out the ^{la}handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

Tetelestai!

- And finally Tetelestai depicts a turning point where one period has ended and another new period has begun.
- When Jesus yelled tetelestai it was indeed the turning point in the entire history of mankind, for at that moment the OT came to an end – finished and closed and the NT, the New Covenant established on better promises began.
 - Never forget when grief consumes you – Jesus finished for you.
 - Never forget when sorrow overwhelms you – Jesus finished for you
 - Never forget when sin tries to snare you – Jesus finished for you
 - Never forget when sickness attacks your body – Jesus finished for you
 - Never forget when you are tormented and have no peace – Jesus finished for you
- ❖ When life and the enemy of your soul attacks in triumph hold your hands to heaven and say – Tetelestai – He paid it all for me, He finished for me!

The darkness upon the earth is getting ready to give way to the dawn and all has now been finished the only thing left to do is to bow His head in prayer and with one last breath He utters...

The Seventh Word – The Cross is the Place Where He Trusted For Us

Luke 23:46 NKJV And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, “Father, ‘into Your hands I commit My spirit.’ ” Having said this, He breathed His last.

- When all on earth was done, and our Savior had given His life, He knows there is still one more event that must take place and for this He will need the faithfulness of the Father, for if He stays dead, His cross would prove meaningless.
- And so just as He trusted the Father with His life, He now trusts the father in His death to bring Him back to life and prays – “into your hands I commit my spirit.”

His Hands Rip the Veil

- Were the hands of the Father something that could be trusted, well a peak into the Holy of Holies as just a few miles from Golgotha tells us they could.
- For as Jesus shouted “it is finished” something incredible took place in the temple.
- At the sixth hour, that Jesus yelled it finished and then prayed “into your hands I commit my spirit,” Matthew tells us...

Mt 27:50-51 NKJV And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.⁵¹ Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom

- In the Holy of Holies there was a huge veil 60 feet high, 30 feet wide and as thick as a man’s hand.
- It was so heavy that it took 300 priests to move it.
- It was a wall of separation between man and God and only the HP could enter and only with the blood of a spotless lamb.

- ❖ But on this day as the High Priest was performing the Passover sacrifice and spilling the blood of the lamb on the mercy seat, at the precise moment when Jesus said it is finished and prayed into thy hands I commit my spirit, the hands of the Father reached over the sapphire sill of heaven and tore that wall of separation between God and man in two from top to bottom confirming what Jesus had shouted from the cross – it is indeed finished!

Come Boldly

- No more separation between God and man.
 - The final sacrifice has been paid and the fury and justice of heaven has been satisfied.
 - Now any man, women, boy and girl who is in Christ may come personally and boldly before the throne of grace to find grace and mercy to help in time of need.
 - The hands of God that Jesus entrusted His spirit to as He breathed His last breath, the very hands that reached into the dirt of the ground and shaped mankind from the beginning, suddenly burst onto the scene where sin was being forever requited as if to say just in three days from now, my hands will once again reach down from heaven all the way into hell and bring back my son from the dead!
- I came here today to tell somebody that you can trust in His hands.
 - You can trust His hands to heal
 - You can trust His hands to deliver
 - You can trust His hands to rescue
 - You can trust His hands to reach down all the way to the lowest valley
 - You can trust His hands to keep
 - You can trust His hands to protect
 - You can trust His hands to guide
 - You can trust His hands to provide
- ❖ The cross was the place He trusted the Father for Us, so we would know we can trust Him with our life as well.

Altar Call –

- Have you done that today?
- Have you trusted Him with our life?
- Have your called on the name of the Lord to save you and forgive you of all your sin?