

John's Gospel @ CF!

John 19:38-42

Sermon notes – BK

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We are in week of John 19...

What a journey!

LAST WEEK...

- **We covered the other part of the crucifixion of Jesus, to His final breath... and His declaration of “IT IS FINISHED!”**

THIS excruciating (out of crucifixion) death Jesus endured...

What Jesus went through for us...

- **Fulfilling several prophecies**
- **Underscoring the fact that **EVEN IN DEATH...****
 - **Jesus IS God, the Son.**
 - **ONE** in essence and in Being with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit
 - **SEPARATE** in personality
 - **God was in complete control the **WHOLE** time**

This gives a deeper meaning to the prophecy of Isaiah 53...

- **All to fulfil verse 6 of this**

Isaiah 53:6, 9

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned— every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

And today we will see...

⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yes, it was the Lord's will, it was the only way...

AND... He never was once out of control...

We saw this in verses from last week –

Two times we saw the word “tetelestai” (in the Greek)

John 19:28a

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished...

John 19:30b

³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

This was the victory cry!

It was now... finished!

“It is finished!”

- The prophesies and promises were finished!
 - They divided/cast lots for His clothes (vs. 23-24)
 - Psalm 22:18
 - Jesus' thirst (vs. 28-29)
 - Psalm 69:21
 - No bones were broken (vs. 31-33, 36)
 - Instr. for the Passover Lamb – Exodus 12:46, Numbers 9:12
 - Psalm 34:20
 - His side was pierced (vs. 34-37)
 - Zechariah 12:10
- The fulfilment of the righteous requirement was finished!
- The sacrifices for forgiveness were finished!
- Jesus' perfect obedience was finished!
- The satisfaction of God's justice was finished!
- The power of Satan and his schemes, sin and death were finished!

ALL of this was accomplished and the “power of death” was defeated...

“It is finished!”

“...and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”

This PERFECTLY fulfills...

John 10:17-18

17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to

lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

... They just don't know it yet... BUT WE DO!

SO... we are not quite ready to move on to the last section of John 19 yet...

Today we do not have a lot of verses to cover, but I thought it would be good to breathe a bit... to cover some important detail... take a deep breath with those in the story...

...And ponder the world-changing, culture-shifting, prophecy-fulfilling, hope-filled, humanity-redeeming, God, master-intervening, Jesus obeying, impossible made real story...

ALSO... There is a bit more to this story I want to make sure we cover before we move on to the verses for the day... and to next week on Resurrection Sunday!

Something else happened at this same time Jesus declared, “It is finished!”...

- John does not include it...
- BUT... it was recorded in the other three Gospels...

I did not talk about it last week, because I think it just might have a bit of bearing on the verses for this week, which we WILL get to, I promise 😊

What is in the other Synoptics (the other three Gospels) that is not here? Let's read the three accounts...

(Don't say it yet ☺)...

Mark 15:37-38

37 And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. 38 And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

Luke says it this way...

Luke 23:44-45

44 It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, 45 while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

Matthew is similar, but adds in more dynamic...

Matthew 27:50-51

50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

- ***The Matthew add-ins with the other interesting dynamics about tombs opening and people raising from the dead, but we will not get into that today...***

The Temple Veil was “...torn in two”

Matthew and Mark include, “...from top to bottom.”

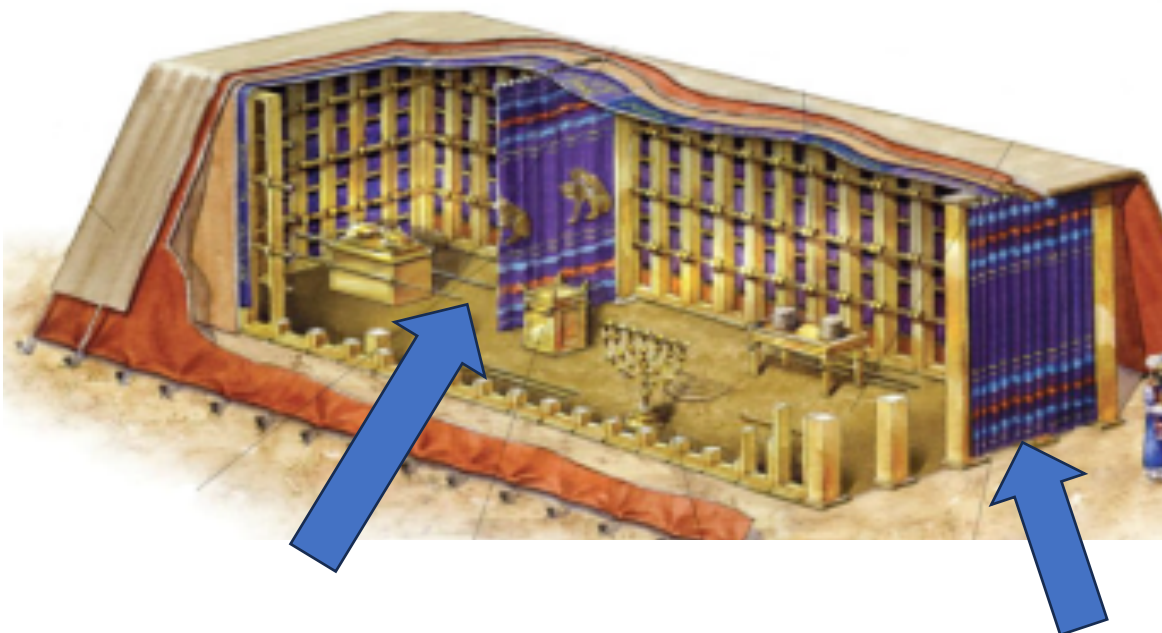


“...from top to bottom.”

This is to highlight it was no coincidence, it could only be brought about by God, not by human intervention...

Let's take a look at an artist's rendition of what this could have looked like inside... (SLIDE)

There were two curtains –



Veil to the Holy of Holies

Veil to the Entrance

Either one being torn in two would be significant, but it was likely the veil before the Holy of Holies that was torn...

Many of you may have heard, but this veil was huge...

- 60 feet by 30 feet
- 4 inches thick
- It was woven of finely twisted linen and dyed in royal colors: blue, purple, and scarlet.
- It was so massive that tradition claims it required 300 priests to manipulate or hang it.

Why does this matter?

The curtain tearing is been significant in many ways...

- 1) The barrier between us and God was gone!
- 2) The old covenant “agreement” was ripped up!
- 3) God was no longer just “in the Holy of Holies” (Ark)
- 4) John 10:9, “I am the door...”
- 5) Jesus also IS the curtain...

Hebrew 10:19-25

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope

without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

This is a very important detail to the story...

SO... we did not want to skip that!

AND... I am wondering if this event had an impact on two others in John's account here...

(What do I mean?)

John 19:38-42

³⁸ After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. ³⁹ Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰ So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴² So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

**Joseph is mentioned in all four of the Gospel accounts...
Only John mentions Nicodemus.**

He was in the story earlier in John 3.

It seems that they were both on the side, in the wings, watching and both afraid to side with Jesus... until this.

AND I have to wonder if they did not hear about the tearing of the curtain in the Temple...

- **ALL speculation on my part, but – What if...?**
 - **What if...**
 - **What if they were gaining courage to side with Jesus?**
 - **What if they had been talking and thinking about what they could do?**
 - **What if hearing of the Temple Curtain being torn in two... from TOP to bottom was all they needed?**

OF course, we will not know till we get to see it on GodTube in Heaven... or however we find out...

The truth is, these two fulfilled prophesy...

Isaiah 53:9a

***⁹And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,***

FIRST... *“grave with the wicked...”*

“Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden...”

I am guessing most of those crucified there would have been “wicked” – at least to the Romans!

**THEN... “...with a rich man in his death,”
(Both Joseph and Nicodemus fir here)**

Both being men of wealth and status –

They could have has servants do this for them.

- Instead, they lowered the body from the cross
- They pulled the nails
- They removed all the pieces of thorn, gravel, and splinters
- Nicodemus brought Myrr and aloes to use with the linen cloths...
 - How many pounds does John say Nick brought? 75 pounds
 - How much was common for a loved one? 1-5 pounds.
 - How much was used for very special people? 40 pounds
 - For example, the Jewish historian Josephus records that the famous teacher Rabbi Gamaliel (a leading figure) was buried with about 40 pounds of spices.
 - Nicodemus brought almost double that for Jesus.
 - It an extravagant way to honor Jesus
 - It was an act that was acknowledging Jesus as a king
 - I have never thought that likely Jesus’ tomb was fragrant with this when they went to find Him.

It appears as though both Joseph and Nicodemus are now “all in.”

- **They were convinced and sacrificially gave to rest the one they showed great devotion to in the end.**

We have no reliable record of either of these men, after they laid Jesus in tomb.

But they go down in history well here.

I wonder what they would have said if you could have talked with them back then –

- **“I wish I would have stepped forward sooner, I could have talked directly with Him far more.”**
- **“I KNEW He was the one, but I was too afraid...”**

I wonder how many of us may say the same thing...

- **There are many things that can keep people from identifying with Jesus – especially in this day.**

Do you know someone who is “in the wings” like Joe and Nick were?

- **Are you in that place?**