

## Day 3: The Veil Torn

**Reading: Matthew 27:45–54, Hebrews 10:19–22**

“And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom...” —Matthew 27:51 (ESV)

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### Devotional:

When Jesus took His final breath, the temple veil tore in two—from top to bottom. This wasn't a decorative curtain. It was a thick, towering barrier that separated the presence of God from the people. Only the high priest could go behind that veil, and even then, only once a year with great preparation.

But in that divine moment, God Himself tore it down.

That act declared something profound: *You're invited*. No more priests standing in the gap. No more rituals to gain access. Jesus, our High Priest, had opened the way once and for all.

For me, this truth is everything. I grew up with deep wounds from the Church. My family had been hurt—badly—and that pain turned into anger. I didn't just reject religion. I rejected Jesus, too. I thought He was part of the problem.

As a kid, I remember my aunt lovingly sharing the Gospel with my mom, who was practicing witchcraft at the time. I can still hear her voice saying, “Sindy, if you don't turn away from witchcraft, you're going to hell.” I was furious. “Who is she to say that?” I thought. That moment planted a wall in my heart. I didn't want anything to do with a God who condemned people like that.

But years later, I realized something: it wasn't Jesus who hurt me. It was people. And people are flawed.

That wall didn't come down overnight, but God—so patient, so kind—revealed Himself to me. And when I finally saw Jesus for who He truly is, I discovered something I never expected: *I had access to the Father*. Not through a priest, not through a building—but through Christ alone. I could run to God like a child running to their dad. I could weep, shout, confess, and He would listen—every single time.

That's not religion. That's relationship.

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### Reflection:

- Are there any “veils” still standing between you and God?
  - How has your view of Jesus changed over time?
  - What does it mean to you that you can approach God anytime, anywhere?
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**Prayer:**

Father, thank You for tearing the veil and inviting me into Your presence. Thank You for being near when I’m broken, angry, confused, or ashamed. Heal the places where religion and people have caused wounds. Help me walk in relationship with You—not out of fear, but out of love. Thank You that through Jesus, I’m always welcome. Amen.