

## “The Final Hours”

New Hope Community Church  
April 10th, 2022 / Luke 23:44-56

1. In the middle of the day, the sun **failed** (44,5)
  - **This was a supernatural act of God**
  - **Darkness is often associated with judgment**
2. The Temple veil was torn from **top** to bottom (45)
  - **The veil was an important barrier between Holy God & sinful people**
  - **The veil is reported by some historians to be 60' x 30' by 4" thick**
  - **The indication is clearly that God tore the veil in two**
3. The work of Redemption was **complete** (46)
  - **With a loud voice Jesus cried out, and yielded His spirit**
  - **“The earth shook and the rocks were split” (Mt 27:51)**
  - **“The tombs were opened, many saints were raised” (Mt 27:52)**
4. In the face of torturous death there was born new **life** (47)
  - **The soldiers in great fear said, “Truly this was the Son of God”**
  - **The centurion gave praise to God as he declared His innocence**
  - **If “a grain of wheat falls into the earth & dies . . . it bears much fruit”**
5. The crowd was overwhelmed with a sense of **injustice** (48)
  - **Their reaction demonstrates the depth of their feelings**
  - **Perhaps this was the fertile ground for the message of Pentecost**  
\* Acts 2:22-24,38,41
6. Faithful followers, especially the **women**, stayed until the end (49)
  - **Two members of the Sanhedrin took care of the body of Jesus**
  - **Women disciples from Galilee saw the tomb and prepared spices**

### Personal Reflection Hebrews 10:18-25

“where there is forgiveness, there is no longer any **offering** for sin”

“we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,  
by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us  
through the veil, that is, His **flesh**”

“let us draw **near** with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith,  
having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience  
and our bodies washed with pure water”

**How can I draw nearer this week to my Heavenly Father, since  
by His death Jesus has granted me full access?**

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Life Group Discussion Questions  
Week of April 10, 2022

Read Luke 23:44-56 together.

1. When Christ died on the cross for us, the Temple veil at the entrance to the Holy of Holies was miraculously torn from top to bottom. What did this signify or foreshadow for God's people from that time onward?
2. Name some of the phenomena that occurred in Jerusalem as the Lamb of God laid down His life to save our souls and give us eternal life? ?
3. Talk about condemnation, confidence, and conscience and how these things were forever changed for believers at Calvary ?

How can we pray for you this week?