

# Since He Got Up

**Matthew 27:51-54 NKJV**

**51** Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, **52** and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; **53** and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many. **54** So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

The veil was 30' wide, 60' tall, the breadth of a hand and took 300 men to carry it when it was wet. Yet God tore it from top to bottom. It once kept men out, not it let them in.

*After His resurrection, others came out of their graves.*

Out of all the people who were looking for the Messiah, it was a gentile, a Roman centurion who declared Him to be so.

At Jesus birth, there was an extraordinary light and at His death there was an extraordinary darkness.

The rending of the veil is about removing all separation between us and God. The only means of separation is us.

In His resurrection, He guaranteed our resurrection.

The veil separated men from the ark. On the ark was the mercy seat. The high priest sprinkled blood on the mercy seat seven times. Jesus, when He got up, went to the mercy seat in heaven and applied the blood there. When we approach God, we go through the blood.

God opened up a way into the heavens, into His presence.

Since He got up in power, He can give it to us.

### **Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV**

**18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

### **Acts 1:8 NKJV**

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

After you have received power are you witnessing to Jesus? You don't have to say a word, if you are filled with the Holy Spirit, to preach a sermon.

Do you have someone God is calling you to witness to?

Jesus picked Saul.

### **Acts 9:1-9 NKJV**

**9** Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest **2** and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. **3** As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. **4** Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” **5** And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” Then the Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is

hard for you to kick against the goads.” **6** So he, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?” Then the Lord said to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” **7** And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. **8** Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. **9** And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Paul got up as blind physically as he had been spiritually.

Ananias prayed for Saul at God’s command and Saul was filled, baptized, and then went out to preach.

What has God brought you out of? Are you anxious to go out and tell others what He has done?

### **1 Corinthians 15:1-4 NKJV**

**1** Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, **2** by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. **3** For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, **4** and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

The first fruits of the resurrection were the ones who were resurrected after Jesus’ resurrection. They were like His entourage, just as a king always goes with an entourage.

### **Hebrews 12:2 NKJV**

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

We look to Jesus because He did what no one else could have done.

During that period of darkness, mankind was being judged. When you look back to the Exodus, when the angel of death came through Egypt it was during deep darkness. The only thing that saves the Israelites was the blood on the doorpost. The only thing that can truly save mankind is the Blood of Jesus, the Lamb who was slain from the foundation of the world.