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# The Torn Veil

*Resurrection Sunday*

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*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. 46 Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. 47 Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!"*

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*48 And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. 49 And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things. 50 Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man,*

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*51 who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. 52 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 53 Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. 54 It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning.*

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*55 The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. 56 Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.*

*1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,*

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*3 but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. 5 And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,*

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*7 that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” 8*

*And they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles,*

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*11 but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.*

*Luke 23:44 - 24:12*

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*17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,*

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*21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together,  
grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also  
are being built together into a dwelling place for God by  
the Spirit.*

*Ephesians 2:17-22*

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# Today's Roadmap

- Jesus bears our sin
  - Jesus' death and the tearing of the veil
  - The significance of the torn veil
  - New life as the temple people of God
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# The Inciting Incident?

Triumphal Entry >>>>> Jesus overturns the tables at the temple >>>>> Jesus prophesies destruction of the temple >>>>> Pharisees plot to kill him

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# The Glory of the Lord

- “And the glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city and stood on the mountain that is on the east side of the city.” -Ezek. 11:23
  - **Jesus goes to the place the glory departed to, and proclaims from there that the glory will never again reside in the physical temple!**
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# The Journey to the Cross...

- Plot to kill Jesus
  - Lord's Supper
  - Garden of Gethsemane
  - Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss
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**When Jesus died, something  
fundamentally changed in creation.  
Jesus changed the rules.**

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# The Significance of the Veil

- In the OT, only the High Priest could enter the Holy of Holies, once a year, after extensive purification rituals.
  - Through Christ, all can boldly approach the Father thanks to the blood of Jesus. The veil has been torn!
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# The Significance of the Veil

- To cement this new reality, God sent his judgment through the Roman army to destroy the temple in 70 AD.
  - God also prevented the temple from ever being rebuilt.
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# **New Life as the Temple People**

- **Jesus definitively ended the physical temple and the old sacrificial system that he might purchase for himself a people that would be filled by the very presence of God.**
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# New Life as the Temple People

- God has made you a dwelling place for His Presence!
  - This ought to change our entire outlook on life. Our very identity has shifted.
  - We are made to SOAK in his love, to BATHE in His Presence. **We are made to worship Him!**
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# How do we live this out?

- Seek and acknowledge His Presence more often in your day to day life
  - Ministering to His Presence through worship and prayer, individually or corporately (maybe invest in a guitar, piano, or a good speaker!)
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# How do we live this out?

- **Serve His Body. To love your brother or sister is to love Him!**
  - We don't overcome sin by trying to overcome sin, rather by reminding ourselves frequently of our new identity. Also, encourage each other in the truth!
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# Response

- *We will end by partaking the Lord's Supper.*