

THE POWER OF JESUS

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THERE WAS POWER IN THE CRUCIFIXION!

Matthew 27:45 (NLT)

At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock.

Matthew 27:46-51 (NLT)

At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned Me?" Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought He was calling for the prophet Elijah. One of them ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, holding it up to Him on a reed stick so He could drink. But the rest said, "Wait! Let's see whether Elijah comes to save Him." Then Jesus shouted out again, and He released His spirit. At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, rocks split apart...

Matthew 27:52-54 (NLT)

...and tombs opened. The bodies of many godly men and women who had died were raised from the dead. They left the cemetery after Jesus' resurrection, went into the holy city of Jerusalem, and appeared to many people. The Roman officer and the other soldiers at the crucifixion were terrified by the earthquake and all that had happened. They said, "This man truly was the Son of God!"

THERE WAS POWER IN THE RESURRECTION!

Matthew 28:1-2 (NLT)

Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it.

Matthew 28:3-6 (NLT)

His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as He said would happen.

WHAT IS THE POINT OF ALL THIS POWER?

It's not so that we can be amazed, feel good feelings, or even be inspired!

The point of the power was YOU and ME!

He conquered death so we could live!

John 3:16 (NIV)

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 8:1-2 (NIV)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

I Corinthians 1:18 (NLT)

The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God.

THE POWER OF GOD GIVES US PURPOSE!

I Corinthians 4:20 (NLT)

For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God's power.

Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

NEXT WEEK = THE WAY OF JESUS

We're so glad you joined us. If you would like more information about God, Jesus and the Bible, please talk with any of our church leaders.

Thank you for joining us!