

## **Six Miracles of the Cross**

(Matthew 27:45-53)

### I. Supernatural Darkness. (Matt. 27:45)

- A. The word "darkness" in verse 45 is the word from which we get our word "eclipse."
- B. This is not some natural phenomenon.
- C. Passover is in the middle of the month and the month always began with a new moon so that by now the moon was full.
- D. If the moon is full, it's on the opposite side of the earth from the sun, it can't therefore eclipse the sun.
- E. God made it happen in the middle of the day.
- F. God's judgment is always seen as darkness.

### II. Separation from the Father. (Matt. 27:46)

- A. Jesus was never separated from the Father by nature.
- B. He lost the intimacy of fellowship with His Father which He had eternally known.
- C. God poured out His wrath on sin.
- D. For that moment God treated Jesus as if He had personally committed every sin ever committed by every person who would ever live.

### III. Self-sacrifice of the Son. (Matt. 27:50)

- A. He voluntarily gave His life. (John 10:17-18)
- B. When you see the cross you see the greatest act of divine love, the Lord Jesus giving up His life for us.

### IV. Splitting of the Veil

- A. When Jesus died, the Holy of Holies was ripped wide open and access to the very throne of God was made available. (Hebrews 10:19-22)
- B. The ripping of the veil in the temple made it clear that the way is now open into God's presence through the blood of Jesus Christ.

### V. Shaking of the Earth. (Matt. 27:51)

- A. This earthquake was simply an illustration of what is to come.
- B. Jesus Christ will one day come back, set His feet on the Mount of Olives, judge the nations and set up His Kingdom.

### VI. Saints Raised (Matt. 27:52)

- A. This is a preview of an actual, literal opening of the graves and the resurrection of the dead.
- B. Spirits coming down from heaven, joining those bodies.
- C. They waited three days before entering Jerusalem so that Christ would be the firstfruits of the resurrection. (1 Corinthians 15:20)

### VII. Conclusion

- A. If God did not spare His own Son from the cross, what makes you think He will spare you from rejecting the cross?
- B. If you have any doubt about your relationship to God, NOW is the time to repent of sin, ask to be forgiven and to confess Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.