Scott Kaczinski Music Ministries

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The Miracles at the Cross

It's the time of year once again when Christians recognize the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And as we look and read the account of this event in the book of Matthew, we are told of the five amazing miracles that took place at Jesus' death on the cross. It might appear after reading the text that there were only four miracles, but there is another miracle that took place, and it is arguably the most astounding.

In Matthew 27:45, we read of the first miracle. Jesus at this time is being crucified along with two robbers, and we are told that the robbers along with the chief priests and scribes and elders were mocking him. Then in verse 45, we are told that at the sixth hour (noon by Jewish standards) darkness fell upon the land for three hours. This was darkness occurring at the time of day when the sun would be its brightest, certainly a supernatural event. But that was just the beginning.

Shortly after this, at the moment that Jesus "yields up His spirit, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom." At first, this may not seem like something to be referred to as a miracle, but the temple veil, or curtain, was a very large, thick curtain that separated the Holy of Holies where God's presence symbolically dwelt from the rest of the temple. This was an enormous curtain reaching forty-five feet high and was four inches thick. No human would ever be able to tear something like this temple veil. But God did it, miraculously signifying that at the death of his Son on the cross, access to Him is now available through Christ alone.

The third miracle in this sequence comes quickly. We are told that immediately after the curtain was torn, the "earth shook and the rocks split." And then at nearly the same time as the earthquake happened, the fourth supernatural event occurs. In Matthew 27:52 it reads that "the tombs were opened and many bodies of the saints were raised and coming out of the tomb after the resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many." All four of these miracles are certainly amazing, but it's the next miracle that is perhaps the most incredible.

In verse 54 of Matthew 27 we are told that "the centurion and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, 'Truly this was the Son of God." Here is perhaps the greatest miracle: the miracle of faith, the astonishing work of God in the heart of a person to draw them to believe. And what is probably most remarkable about this miracle is that certainly this centurion and the others with him were the ones helping to crucify Jesus. Perhaps only a few hours before, these people would be the ones mocking Jesus and helping to have him killed. And also what is notable is that this sudden belief could have been an answer to Jesus' prayer in Luke 23:34, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." What kind of great love is this? This is a love that would look on even the worst of sinners, those desiring to kill Him, and yet long for them to be forgiven. "But God demonstrates His own love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." –Rom. 5:8

These miracles at the cross certainly showed proof that Jesus was the Son of God, and that He was the sinless Savior sent to pay the price for the sins of all who would believe in Him. And these miracles were also used by the heavenly Father to draw this centurion and others with the miracle of faith to believe, that Jesus was indeed the Son of God.

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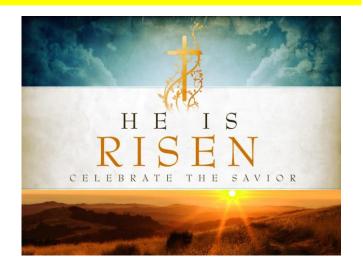
Praises/Prayers:

Praise and prayer for our current Bible Studies as we have been studying in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John and for God's direction in planning a summer Bible Study as well. We love God's Word and continue to be amazed at the power of His Word as He reveals His truth to us.

Praise and prayer for wisdom as we continue with one-on-one discipleship of a few individuals and for more discipleship opportunities.

Pray for our Truth Singers and especially for the salvation of their staff as we share the Gospel each week with them.

Praise on a personal note that we were recently able to visit all our children and their families. We are so thankful for Godly spouses for each of our kids and that they are earnestly pursuing Jesus Christ and His will in their lives and families.



TRUTH SINGERS CARNIVAL

Thursday, April 24 6:00

If you would like to help out at the Truth Singers carnival by running a booth, helping with food, or donating game/door prizes or other items, please let Annette know. We are looking for \$5-\$10 gift cards (Kwik Star, DG), 2-liter and 6-pack pops or juice, adult coloring books or word finds, pre-packaged food items, or other fun novelty items or gift baskets the Truth Singers would like. We are expecting close to 70 Truth Singers to attend along with their staff and families. We like to make sure each special needs adult goes home with a fun door prize. Thanks for your help!



I John 5:11-12

"And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life."

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