

3 HOURS

that changed the world

The Open Graves

Matthew 27:50-53

- 1) At Jesus' death, all of creation is shaken.
- 2) God validates Jesus' victory through the resurrection.

Application:

- Avoid the trap of speculative theology
- God has a comprehensive plan: Jesus
- Death is the result of sin

Defeat sin = Destroy death

- You overcome sin and death by faith in Jesus

My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) Think about all the specific details Matthew recorded about the death of Jesus. How did these details serve to validate the truth of what he was writing?
- 2) What do you think the mood was in Jerusalem immediately after Jesus' death? How would the appearance of these dead saints impact the response to the gospel? (See Acts 2:36-41, 4:32-35, 6:7)
- 3) Read 1 Corinthians 15. What is the connection between sin and death? How does Jesus solve this problem?
- 4) Are you looking forward to the resurrection? Why or why not? How does the hope of the resurrection influence your choices today?



Memory Verse

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"
1 Corinthians 15:55