

## Matthew Lesson 27

*Yeshua* has now been through two trials - the totally illegal trial by the Jewish leaders and the Roman trial in which Pilate washed his hands of the innocent blood of this just Person. And all the people cried out at this trial and saying, His blood be on us and on our children.

The people are shouting, "Let Him be crucified," and

**Matthew 27:27** The soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And mocked Him saying, Hail, King of the Jews! Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. And when they had mocked Him they took the robe off Him, and put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

**Isaiah 52:14** Just as many were appalled at Him—His appearance was disfigured beyond that of any man, and His form was marred beyond human likeness—

**Matthew 27:35** Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments casting lots that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet:

They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.

**This fulfilled Psalm 22:8,9**



**Matthew 27:39-44** Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

**Deuteronomy 21:23** A person who has been hanged on a tree is cursed by God.

**Psalms 22:8** He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!

The words of the people passing by and the leaders of the Jews fulfill these prophecies so clearly.

Darkness is often associated with judgment as we see in the following statements by the prophets Amos and Joel.

**Amos 8:9** "And it shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord GOD, "That I will make the sun go down at noon, And I will darken the earth in broad daylight;

**Joel 3:14,15** Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the Day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. The sun and moon will grow dark, and the stars will no longer shine....

And while Yeshua was on the execution stake, **Matthew 27:45,46** Now from the sixth (noon) hour until the ninth hour (3:pm) there was darkness over all the land. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

In the darkness, we see judgment - The judgment of G-d on all our sins was laid upon Yeshua.

The darkness was from G-d alone.

And when He cries out Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani He is quoting

**Psalm 22:16-18,21** For dogs surround me; a band of evil men encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet. I can count all my bones; they stare and gloat over me. They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.... Save me from the mouth of the lion; at the horns of the wild oxen You have answered me!...

And what did He cry out?

**John 19:30** So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

In Greek, the word tetelestai is used meaning "paid in full."  
It is often used to state that a debt has been paid.

**Hebrews 1:3b** After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Just as He had told the Jewish leaders during His trial before them.

**Matthew 27:50,51** And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split....

We need to be aware that this curtain that split in two from top to bottom was no ordinary curtain. This curtain was positioned in front of the Holy of Holies, and it was the thickness of the palm of your hand!

It was also 60 feet high - no man could have reached the top.

In the Talmud it is stated that it took 300 priests to manipulate the parokhet.  
(Tractate Yoma 34a)

This tells us that this curtain was extremely heavy, taking 300 men to move it.

It is miraculous that this was torn in two. Only G-d Himself could have done this.

This tearing of the veil or curtain, was as though G-d was proclaiming to Israel and the world that the way into His presence was now opened by the death of Yeshua! Therefore it is stated in Hebrews:

**Hebrews 4:16** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

And imagine that at the same time Yeshua yielded up His spirit, there was an earthquake, rocks were split and

**Matthew 27:52-54** the graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many. So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God!



These dead being raised to life was a definite sign that Messiah had indeed come and had conquered death.

It is interesting to note that Matthew records the Roman soldiers actually seeing the earthquake which leads one to believe that they were standing very near Yeshua and could see the curtain tearing.

This being the case, they were East of the Temple and could look directly into it, making the case for the crucifixion having been on the Mount of Olives just east of the Golden Gate.

\*\*\*\* Very interesting to note that it was **on the Mount of Olives** that the priest mikved himself, killed the heifer and sprinkled the blood of the sacrifice toward the Temple (Tractate Parah 3:6-10).

**Hebrews 9:13-14** makes a direct connection between the death of the Red Heifer and the death of Yeshua as the Messiah saying:  
The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean.

How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

**Matthew 27:57-60** As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.

Something very interesting is that the chief priests and Pharisees went to Pilate saying,

**Matthew 27:63-66** saying, "Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise.' Therefore, command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, 'He has risen from the dead.' So the last deception will be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how." So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.

This action by these leaders make it appear that they were more convinced of Yeshua's words, that He would rise again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, than His own disciples were.

And they went to great lengths to be sure this would not happen.  
But man cannot stop the plans and the Word of G-d.

**Matthew 28:1-8** After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his

clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. **He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.** Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: **He has risen from the dead** and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Yeshua's body resting in the tomb on - resting - the Shabbat.

It appears that the disciples had accepted the death of the Messiah, but as Sunday morning dawns, Mary Magdalene and Miryam went to see the grave.

Now a violent earthquake occurs and a blinding angel shows up!

Can you imagine? Even hardened Roman soldiers are so terrified they are like dead men.

At this point it becomes clear that the disciples had not really believed the words, On the third day I will rise.....for the ladies are bringing burial spices - believing that He is dead!

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could go and anoint the body of Jesus. **Luke 24:1**

But the angel proclaims: He is not here; for He is risen!

We see this resurrection has been foretold and applies to both Yeshua and the resurrection of the dead.

**Job 19:25-27** I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

**Isaiah 26:19** Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

**Daniel 12:1,2** At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Everyone who is found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.

The two ladies, in disbelief are told by the angel - go look where He was. They see that He is not there and quickly they go to tell the other disciples.

And of all people, women were told and shown this incredible miracle and told to go be witnesses of it to the disciples. Why is this unusual?

Because generally speaking, women in that culture were not normally witnesses- they were not considered acceptable witnesses in many legal proceedings!

**Matthew 28:9-10** And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them saying, Rejoice! So they came and held Him by the feet and worshipped Him. then Jesus said to them Do not be afraid, Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.

Then we see politics in play, just as it is today, and man thinks they can outsmart the Lord. The guards, the chief priests and the elders got together, and they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers to lie and say that the disciples had come and stolen the body at night.

It was politics as usual.



**Matthew 28:16-20** Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

How appropriate that the disciples meet Yeshua in the Galilee where His ministry began, now we see His earthly ministry end and passed on to the disciples.

It was very rabbinic of Yeshua to say this as rabbinic literature says, "to raise many disciples."(Pirde Avot 1:1)

*\*\*Why do you think Yeshua said the words, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me, before he said, go and make disciples of all nations?*

*\*\*What does it mean to us that Yeshua has all authority in heaven and on earth?*

*\*\*How do you find it encouraging that the same word and command to go and make disciples are the same words He is saying to us?*