

278 God Responded to Jesus' Death (Part 2)

TEXT: MATTHEW 27:51-56

INTRODUCTION:

1. GOD RESPONDED TO JESUS' DEATH WITH AN EARTHQUAKE (27:51:**b**).

2. GOD RESPONDED TO JESUS' DEATH BY SPLITTING THE ROCKS (27:51**C**).

3. GOD RESPONDED TO JESUS' DEATH BY OPENING GRAVES (27:52-53).

a. The earthquake tore open the graves of some OT saints (27:52).

b. What is the meaning of the open graves? (27:53).

(1) The Day of the Lord, the Day of Judgment, came upon Jesus as our Substitute.

(2) The outer darkness of hell, we deserve, but Jesus bore it for us.

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(3) The earthquake not only manifested God's displeasure with Christ's murderers, but it points to the signs that affirm the Day of the Lord is coming.

(4) The resurrection of the dead is exactly what will take place that will bring all people to the Day of judgment.

4. THE CENTURION RESPONDS TO JESUS' DEATH (27:54).

5. THE FAITHFUL WOMEN DISCIPLES WATCHED JESUS' DEATH FROM A DISTANCE (27:55-56).

CONCLUSION: