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Torn in Two
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“Then behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom...”
MATTHEW 27:51

On that solemn afternoon, it seemed all was lost. The God-man who claimed to be the Messiah was finished once and for all. The expectations of a powerful Messiah who would end all oppressive government and restore the nation of Israel were finished. With a spear jabbed in His side, it was final. Jesus was dead.

But then there was a rumbling that grew in intensity. The ground began to shake, and the rocks on the cliffs started to roll down the mountains. Then it happened. In the temple, the curtain that separated the most holy place split from top to bottom. What did it mean? Could this God-man, who was said to be the Messiah, be responsible for this?

Up until this time, the curtain served as a barrier between men, women and God. There was only one man at a time allowed behind the curtain, the high priest, chosen to be the mediator and offer sacrifice to atone for everyone else. Now the curtain was torn in two—there was no barrier, and the sacrifice was offered once for all. Jesus became our permanent mediator—our high priest—and now we can go directly to God the Father through Him.

What could possibly be the explanation for these events? The centurion guarding the body of Jesus came to realize there was only one answer: “Truly, this was the Son of God!”



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