

1. EVENTS WHEN JESUS DIED.

1. The veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. Matt. 27:51
2. The earth did quake, the rocks were rent. Matt. 27:51
3. Graves were opened, many bodies of the saints which slept arose, came out of the graves after his resurrection, went into the holy city, and appeared ~~unto~~ unto many. Matt. 27:52, 52
4. The centurion and others with him said, "Truly this was the Son of God." Matt. 27:54
5. The people which came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts and returned. Luke 23:48
  1. They seemed to regret what they had done with a bitter useless regret. They looked upon him whom they had pierced, and they seemed to mourn for him as a man mourneth for his only son. Zech. 12:10

2. THE THREE CROSSES

1. A thief on the right hand and one on the left.
  1. The thieves unnamed. Representative of humanity
  2. Two groups...we are in one or the other.
2. The Central Cross of Christ.
  1. The Saviour of the world on the central cross.
  2. The Central cross divides the world.
3. Jesus was asked to come down from the cross and save himself.
  1. To have done so would have made him an excellent example.
  2. It might have made him a sublime teacher.
  3. It would not have made him the Saviour of the W.

3. AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS WE LEARN THREE LESSONS:

1. We learn how to pray.
  1. Jesus' life had been a life of prayer.
2. We learn how to forgive.
  1. Jesus taught forgiveness. Matt. 18:21, 22  
Luke 17:3, 4; Matt. 6:15
3. WE LEARN HOW TO DIE.

1. "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.

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