

MATTHEW

September 24, 2023

Matthew 27:50-54

READ

Matthew 27:50-54 Mark 15:38-39 Luke 23:45b, 47

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Why is it significant that this series of events is initiated as Jesus yields up His spirit (v. 50)?

2. What did the veil mean to the temple (v. 51)?

What does the splitting of the veil suggest (c.f., Hebrews 4:16; 10:20)?

3. Do a concordance search of “earthquake,” “quake” & “shake”/“shook.” How does God use such phenomena?

Provide an example of how God has (radically) reshaped, reordered or redirected your life.

4. Meditate on vv. 52-53. How do these verses strike you? What is going on?

Identify the biggest questions left unanswered for you. Discuss these.

5. What contributes to the terror experienced by the centurion and the men under his command (v. 54)?

What other “things that were happening” did they witness?

6. What is the centurion saying with his unexpected declaration? Is this a confession of faith (c.f., Luke 23:47b)? If not, then what is he saying? If so, how so?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will draw near to the throne of grace with confidence this week by . . .

I will live in the hope of the resurrection this week by . . .