

# Treasure Hunt

- What kind of creatures were pictured on the veil in the temple?
- What was the function of these creatures?
- What is the meaning of the tearing of the veil?
- For what two reasons did God tear the veil?
- Why does Matthew mention that the soldiers in v. 54 were watching Jesus?
- What lessons can we learn from the conversion of the soldiers?
- Where do the women “behold” Jesus, and why does Matthew record this?
- What lessons can we learn from the women in the passion story?

# Contrasting Parties in Matt 26-28

	The Lord's Friends	Transition	The Lord's Enemies
Purpose: Jesus' Death	26:1-2 Fourth Announcement		26:3-5 Planning in the Palace
Preparation for Death	26:6-13 Anointing in Bethany		26:14-16 Contract with <b>Judas</b>
The Lord is betrayed /delivered	26:17-46 Jesus with the Disciples: Last Supper ( <b>Judas</b> ), Gethesemene ( <b>Peter</b> )		
		26:47-56 from the Disciples to the Jews ( <b>Judas</b> )	
			26:57-27:56 <b>Jesus</b> with the Jews: Trials ( <b>Peter, Judas</b> ), Crucifixion ( <b>women</b> )
Preparation for Burial	27:57-61 Joseph of Arimathea		27:62-66 Sealing the Tomb
Responses to the Resurrection	28:1-10, 16-20 Spread the gospel		28:11-15 Deny the Resurrection

# Vindication of the Dead Messiah

## **51-52a, At his Death**

- The veil was rent
- The earth did quake
- The rocks rent
- The graves were opened

## **52b-53, At his Resurrection**

- Many bodies arose
- And came out of the graves
- And went into the city
- And appeared unto many

# OT Background to the Veil

## What did the Veil Mean?

Exo 26:31 And thou shalt make a vail *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with **cherubims** shall it be made: 32 And thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of shittim *wood* overlaid with gold: their hooks *shall be of* gold, upon the four sockets of silver. 33 And thou shalt hang up the vail under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the vail the ark of the testimony: and the vail shall divide unto you between the holy *place* and the most holy. 34 And thou shalt put the mercy seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy *place*.

Gen 3:23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. 24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden **Cherubims**, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

## Rent Veil and Earthquake

Ps 18:4 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid. 5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me. 6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: **he heard my voice out of his temple**, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears. 7 Then **the earth shook and trembled**; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth. 8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it. 9 **He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness** was under his feet.

# OT Background to the Rocks and Graves

## Rent Rocks

Isa 48:21 And they thirsted not *when* he led them through the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: **he clave the rock** also, and the waters gushed out.

1Co 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and **that Rock was Christ.**

## Opened Graves

Eze 37:11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. 12 Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will **open your graves**, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. 13 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have **opened your graves**, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, 14 And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken *it*, and performed *it*, saith the LORD.

# Conversion of the Soldiers

- 31, the **soldiers** ...  
mocked him

- 32, **they** ... found ...  
Simon

- 34, **they** gave him vinegar

- 35 **they** parted his  
garments

- 36, **they watched τηρεω**  
**5083** = guarded him

- 37 **they** set up ... his  
accusation

54, the **centurion,**  
**and they that were**  
**with him,**  
**watching τηρεω**  
**5083** Jesus

(then the passers-by, chief  
priests, thieves, and God  
himself)

# Christ's Followers at the Cross

## 1. Women

Jdg 4:8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, *then* I will not go. 9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.

## 2. Afar off

Mat 26:58 But Peter followed him **afar off** unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.

## 3. Beholding—what did they see?

- His death (27:55)
- His burial (27:61)
- The open tomb (28:1, same word)
- The risen Christ (28:9)

Act 1:21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained **to be a witness with us of his resurrection.**

# The Women at the Cross

Luk 8:1 And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve *were* with him, 2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, **Mary called Magdalene**, out of whom went seven devils, 3 And **Joanna** the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which **ministered unto him** of their substance.

	Matt	Mark	Luke	John
At the cross	27:56 Among which was <b>Mary Magdalene</b> , and <b>Mary the mother of James and Joses</b> , and the mother of Zebedee's children.	15:40 among whom was <b>Mary Magdalene</b> , and <b>Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses</b> , and <b>Salome</b> ; 41... and many <b>other women</b> which came up with him unto Jerusalem.	23:49 And all his acquaintance, and <b>the women that followed him from Galilee</b> , stood afar off, beholding these things.	19:25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus <b>his mother</b> , and <b>his mother's sister</b> , <b>Mary the wife of Cleophas</b> , and <b>Mary Magdalene</b> .
Watching the burial	27:61 And there was <b>Mary Magdalene</b> , and <b>the other Mary</b> , sitting over against the sepulchre.	15:47 And <b>Mary Magdalene</b> and <b>Mary the mother of Joses</b> beheld where he was laid.	23:55 And <b>the women also, which came with him from Galilee</b> , followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid.	
Coming to the tomb	28:1 ... as it began to dawn toward the first <i>day</i> of the week, came <b>Mary Magdalene</b> and <b>the other Mary</b> to see the sepulchre.	16:1 And when the sabbath was past, <b>Mary Magdalene</b> , and <b>Mary the mother of James</b> , and <b>Salome</b> , had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.	24:1 Now ... they came unto the sepulchre,... 10 It was <b>Mary Magdalene</b> , and <b>Joanna</b> , and <b>Mary the mother of James</b> , and <b>other women that were</b> with them, which told these things unto the apostles.	Joh 20:1 The first <i>day</i> of the week cometh <b>Mary Magdalene</b> early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.
Meeting Jesus	28:9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail.	16:9 Now when <i>Jesus</i> was risen early the first <i>day</i> of the week, he appeared first to <b>Mary Magdalene</b> , out of whom he had cast seven devils.		20:16 Jesus saith unto her, <b>Mary</b> . She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.