

2a. What lessons can be learned from the veil of the temple being rent? Heb 6:13-20; 2Cor 3:12-18
{Paul figuratively applies the veil on Moses face as that covering the heart of the people reading the Bible & not understanding it. There is a definite distinction made between flesh & spirit, Jn 3:6; 6:63. The spirit of life in Christ sets us free from the mind of the flesh, Rom 8:1-8. God gives us a new spirit & a heart of flesh, Eze 36:26 - the heart of Christ, Phil 2:5. The renting of the temple veil indicates: (1) a change in the law & priesthood, Heb 7:12; (2) the actual tabernacle services cease & are now viewed as a parable, Heb 9:24 YLT; (3) Now we can see the veil on our own hearts being removed (rent) as Jesus brings us to the full understanding of the cross & the love of God. cf Pr 4:18}

Fifth Saying: I thirst. Read John 19:28-29 (Jesus thirsted for water & was given vinegar)

3. What might the vinegar signify? Ps 69:21; Mk 15:28-32 (Isa 53:12)

{Was Jesus only thirsty physically, or could he also have desired someone to speak in his behalf, Ps 42:1-3? No doubt he had physical thirst; however, used also figuratively, as did Jesus often when speaking, the spiritual water he received were words spoken out of proud hearts.}

Sixth Saying: *Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.* Lk 23:41-49; Ps 31:5

4. What did Jesus mean by, *I commit my spirit*?

{The Hebrew word in Ps 31:5 rendered “commit” also carries the meaning of *trust, commit to one’s care*. It is an example of how we should die to self & commit our spirits to God daily. By doing this we are committing our thoughts & words so that nothing spoken from us is more than yes or no, Mt 5: 37, except what Jesus would say to another. By committing his spirit to the Father, Jesus was committing his mind, all of who he was, into the care of his heavenly Father. The dead know not anything, Ecl 9:5. So it has to be that the mind, committed to the care of the Father that is restored at resurrection.}

Seventh Saying: *It is finished.* Jn 19:30

5. What was finished? Jn 19:28; 17:4

{An overview of the work of Jesus - Lk 4:18; Gal 4:4-5. By studying the cross & living what we learn it is possible to be set free from the bondage of sin. Jesus came to be from a woman (not speaking of a normal birth, as the word “born” implies), governed by the law. But when he began his ministry, Jesus applied & explained the spirituality of the law in order to deliver man from the letter of it, or his own opinions of the law.}

5a. Was the work of salvation finished at the cross, as many teach? Jn 17:6-8, 18-21; Acts 26:12-18

{The foundation was laid, but man had to be added to the house, Eph 2:18-22. The Apostolic church is our example, Jn 1:16, of how we are to be brought into the fullness of Christ, Eph 4:11-15.}