



# The Torn Curtain

**Mark 15:33-39**

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## Mark 15:33–34

At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

## Mark 15:35–36

When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah.” Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down,” he said.

## Mark 15:37–39

With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”

# What Is Unique About Jesus' Death?

- The Darkness
- The Question
- The Breath
- The Curtain

## The Darkness

Mark 15:33–34

At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

## The Darkness of the Day of the Lord

Amos 8:9

“In that day,” declares the Sovereign LORD, “I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight.

## The Darkness of Passover

Exodus 10:21-11:10

## The Question

Mark 15:34

*“Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?”*

(which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

## The Question is a Quote

Psalm 22

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

“He has done it! (It is finished!)”

## The Breath

**Mark 15:37–39**

With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

**Breath = Life**

**Genesis 2:7, John 20:22**

**John 10:17–18**

The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.



## The Curtain

Mark 15:37–39

The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

## The Curtain of the Holy of Holies

Leviticus 16 & Hebrews 9

The Holy of Holies represents God's presence. Only those who are perfect can approach Him.



## Hebrews 10:19–23

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

## The Response

Mark 15:37–39

And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said,  
“Surely this man was the Son of God!”



The Curtain Has Been Torn.  
The Price Has Been Paid.  
Come and Enter.