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# FRIDAY: THOSE EVENTS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING JESUS' CRUCIFIXION

#### **SPECIFICS**

#### THE HEAVENLY ACTION

- In regards to the Temple: <sup>51</sup>Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; (Matthew 27:51a)
- In regards to the terrain: and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, (Matthew 27:51b)
- In regards to the tombs: <sup>52</sup> and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; <sup>53</sup> and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many. (Matthew 27:52-53)

## THE HUMAN REACTION

- The confession of the centurion: <sup>54</sup>So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!" (Matthew 27:54)
- The contriteness of the crowd: <sup>49</sup>The rest said, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him." (Matthew 27:49)

#### THE PIERCING OF JESUS BODY

The Jew's Request	The Soldier's Response
<sup>31</sup> Therefore, because it was the Preparation <i>Day</i> , that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and <i>that</i> they might be taken away. (John 19:31)	<sup>32</sup> Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. <sup>33</sup> But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. <sup>34</sup> But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. <sup>35</sup> And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. <sup>36</sup> For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not <i>one</i> of His bones shall be broken." <sup>37</sup> And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced." (John 19:32-37)

## PREPARING OF JESUS' BODY

- The role of the men: <sup>38</sup>After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave *him* permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus. <sup>39</sup>And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. <sup>40</sup>Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. <sup>41</sup>Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup>So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation *Day*, for the tomb was nearby. (John 19:38-42)
- The role of the women: <sup>55</sup>And the women who had come with Him from Galilee followed after, and they observed the tomb and how His body was laid. <sup>56</sup>Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment. (Luke 23:55-56)

#### PLACING OF JESUS' BODY

- The Garden: <sup>41</sup>Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup>So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation *Day*, for the tomb was nearby. (John 19:41-42)
- The Grave Stone: <sup>59</sup>When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, <sup>60</sup>and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed. (Matthew 27:59-60)