

THE FINAL COUNTDOWN – 2
GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 29, 2024

JOHN 19:1-12 NLT

- Jesus was flogged twice. Before being sentenced and before being crucified. The first light flogging was to appeal to the mob’s emotions, while the second was a heavy flogging before crucifixion.
- **MT. 27:22-25 AMPC** The day will come when all Jews will believe Jesus is their Messiah and receive His atoning blood for sin.
- **MT. 27:26-31 MSG** These verses reveal: Jesus’ love and strength, the depravity of man, and the value of human life. Jesus could’ve called for help, but He didn’t. The Romans made a game of it!

Crucifixion

- Persians (300-400 BC) invented it – considered the most painful death imaginable. “Excruciating” comes from it.
- Romans considered it a gruesome spectacle to be used only on slaves, pirates, and enemies of the state. Constantine abolished it in the Fourth Century, viewing it as barbaric.
- Jews considered the crucified one cursed of God.
- Early Christians were mocked for serving a crucified Savior.

The Darkness MT. 27:45

- **AMOS 8:9 NASB** It was supernatural darkness, not an eclipse. It occurred at Passover when the sun and moon are at opposite places.
- **EX. 10:21-23** The last plague before the lamb was sacrificed was darkness.
- **GEN. 15:12** Supernatural darkness preceded the Abrahamic Covenant.
- **EX. 14:20** - Supernatural darkness separated the Egyptians and Israelites.
- **GEN. 1:2** Darkness represents judgment, deliverance, and communication.

The Torn Veil MT. 27:50-51

- The veil represented separation between God and man. Top to bottom means only God could reconcile the two, not a priest or any other man.
- It meant the end of the Old Covenant and beginning of the New.

The Earthquake – MT. 27:51-53

- Not a natural event. **EX. 19:18** An earthquake occurred when the Law was given and now when the Law is being fulfilled. God’s judgment fell upon Jesus.

- Rocks rent and graves opened. The splitting of the rocks was the evidence of the force. The graves opened were the evidence of the design. One article states the tremors were felt over 1.5 million square miles, by ½ of Europe's population. The graves weren't random, but by design. They were emptied at the Resurrection.

The Water and Blood JOHN 19:31-37

- **EX. 12:46 and ZECH. 12:10** Were both fulfilled. Christian legend says the Roman soldier was healed of an eye malady after piercing Jesus (Longinus).

Holy Saturday 2 COR. 5:21

- The Feast of Unleavened Bread begins the day after Passover (4-23-24). Leaven (type of sin) had to be removed from each house. Jesus was made sin for us and suffered God's wrath to free us from sin.
- **IS. 53:10-11** His soul was made an offering for sin.
- **ACTS 2:22-32 HCSB** His soul was not forsaken in Hades.
- **LUKE 16:22-23 HCSB** Luke wrote both books.
- **ROM. 10:7 HCSB** Abyss – The same as **REV. 20:1-3 HCSB**.
- **LUKE 8:30-31** The place demons feared and wanted no part of.

Conclusion:

The last week of Jesus' life on earth, reveals His love and strength, the depravity of man, and the value of human life. The Resurrection reveals the greatest working of God's power.