

10. In light of *1 Thessalonians 4:16*, what does the resurrection of the saints in *Matthew 27:52-53* have to do with us?

11. How can we pray for each other this week?

Quotes to Ponder

Just as the rending of the temple curtain makes it clear that the way to God is open for all, so the raising of the saints shows that death has been conquered. Those so raised went into Jerusalem and appeared to many. Since there are no other records of these appearances, it appears to be impossible to say anything about them. But Matthew is surely giving expression to his conviction that Jesus is Lord over both the living and the dead.

Leon Morris

The raising of a few and not all of the saints shows that Jesus has power to resurrect, but also points forward to the second coming and judgment of Jesus Christ, which will include all those whose names are written in the Book of Life by faith in the grace of God.

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Enough graves were opened to provide an illustration of the power of the cross, and the power displayed by those open graves furnished an example for all God's people for all time.

*The revivals to life of the saints at Calvary foretell the greater coming glory. They were not **the** resurrection, but they were **a** resurrection, not the thing itself, but the shadow of it. Yet they were a substantial shadow, requiring nothing less than omnipotence.... They were a rehearsal of the more glorious scene to come.*

William R. Nicholson



#4 Opened Graves & Raised Saints — Matthew 27:51-53

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Sermon
Notes

1. Background

2. Earthquake

3. Significance and Meaning

1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you?

2 Kings 13:20-21 —

Acts 14:19-20 —

2. Why do you think what is stated in *Matthew 27:1-53* truly happened just as it is written?

Luke 7:11-17 —

Acts 20:7-12 —

3. When were the tombs opened (*Matthew 27:51-52*)?

Luke 8:40-56 —

What was the purpose of the above resurrections?

4. When were the saints raised (*Matthew 27:52-53; cf. 1 Corinthians 15:2-23*)? Explain your reasoning.

7. What was the purpose of the resurrected saints in *Matthew 27:5-53*?

5. When did the resurrected saints appear in *the holy city* (*Matthew 27:53*)? Why is this important?

8. Why does Matthew include at this point, *after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many* (*Matthew 27:53*)?

6. How are the other resurrections in the Bible similar? Different?

1 Kings 17:17-24 —

John 11:1-45 —

9. What is this resurrection a foreshadow of (*Matthew 28:1-10*)?

2 Kings 4:18-37 —

Acts 9:36-42 —