

Digging Deeper Study

God's Kingdom Come – Victory in the face of Defeat.

Week of September 27th, 2026

Victory in the Face of Defeat. Matthew 27:45-66 Matthew 27:45-66 ⁴⁵ From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶ About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “<i>Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?</i>” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”). ⁴⁷ When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.” ⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine	“In essentials, unity; (1 Corinthians 12:12-13) in non-essentials, liberty; (Romans 14:1) in all things, charity.” (John 13:34) Sermon QUOTE Statement: Circumstances in life will lead us into despair - it is the result of living in a fallen world. But God is in the midst of our trials. This morning we learn from Jesus, who faced despair and won, and He gives us the power to do the same. Opening Question: When have you seen someone find victory in Despair? What did they cling to? I. Read Matthew 27:45-50 (Psalm 22). 1. Why is it important to know what Jesus is quoting while He is on the cross? 2. What are some observations about Psalm 22? 3. How is this Psalm fulfilled in Christ? 4. What are some truths we can pull from this Psalm for ourselves?
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vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ⁴⁹ The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

⁵⁰ And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split ⁵² and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. ⁵³ They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

⁵⁴ When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!”

5. Why is it important to not Jesus commits His Spirit to the Father, rather than crying out to be saved?

II. Read Matthew 27:51-56

- 6. What is the significance of the curtain in the temple being torn in two?**
- 7. Why is it important to remember what Christ’s death provides for us?**
- 8. What does the resurrection speak towards following Jesus death?**
- 9. Why is it important to recognize there were many witnesses to Jesus death?**

⁵⁵ Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. ⁵⁶ Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

⁵⁷ As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. ⁵⁹ Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰ and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

The Guard at the Tomb

III. Read Matthew 27:57-66

- 1. How does Joseph's response to Jesus' body show an example of what Christ calls His followers to be willing to do? What sacrifice did he make?**
- 2. Why was it important for the Pharisees to set a guard over the tomb? Would it have been a job that was lightly taken?**

⁶² The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate.

⁶³ “Sir,” they said, “we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise again.’” ⁶⁴ So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.”

⁶⁵ “Take a guard,” Pilate answered. “Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how.” ⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

3. Through this passage, Jesus gives us an example to live by and we see there are some promises that Christ has one for us. What truth do you need to hold onto this week?

Take Prayer requests
And close in Prayer