

**Matthew 27:50-51**  
**Open House**  
**(The King and His Kingdom)**

**50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. 51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom;**

**They are known as Famous Cries that inspired armies, nations when their backs were up against a wall!**

**A)1775 Patrick Henry's cry – Give me liberty or give me death – helped the American Revolutionaries shake off the Yoke of the British**

**B)In 1940 Winston Churchill's cry – We shall never surrender inspired Britain to defy Germany and the Armies of Hitler!**

**C)In 1963 – Martin Luther King Jr. – Declared I have a dream inspiring – African Americans to stand up for their civil rights**

**The greatest and most powerful battle Cry of all time – Happened at Calvary – the Cry of Christ from the Cross!**

**A)A cry that still has monumental and life changing impact for people all over the world –**

**B)Now in our text Matthew just says Jesus cried out again!**

**1)But He doesn't tell us what he cried out.**

**C)But the apostle John, in his Gospel on the other hand tells us exactly what Jesus cried out**

**1)It is finished." That was what he cried out.**

**D)One word in Greek, "tetelestai," it is finished.**

**This is not a cry of defeat; it's a cry of victory.**

**A) Jesus is not saying, "I am finished." He said, "It is finished."- Jesus isn't a victim, he is a victor.**

**B)Consider how this word Tetelestai was used in that culture!**

**C)The word was used for merchants that way who paid off a debt.**

**1)Paid in full – Tetelestai**

**D)Jesus was declaring from the Cross – that the debt against humanity because of sin – PAID IN FULL!**

**1)Jesus met the requirement for Sin - Satisfied the debt**

**Artists would use the word to tetelestai when the artwork was now fully completed.**

**A)The picture is now complete.**

**B)Jesus was declaring that the picture that the OT had been painting – Passover lamb**

**1)Without the shedding of blood no forgiveness of sins**

**C)The picture was now complete**

**A servant would say to his master, "tetelestai", - "It's finished"**

**A)when he had done all that the master commanded him to do. - Mission accomplished**

**B)Jesus was declaring that day the Mission he was sent from Heaven to fulfill – Was Complete.**

**C)He paid the price for man's sin – He took the punishment we deserved**

**1)He made a way for man – bond by sin – Satan – redeemed and SET FREE – MADE NEW!!!**

**D)"The Old Testament is completed."**

**1)"Satan, my enemy, is defeated."**

**E)The Dawning of a NEW DAY – NEW COVENANT!!!**

**I am so glad that Jesus didn't Cry from the Cross – ALMOST**

**A)I did most of it – now you need to finish it**

**B)So Glad he didn't cry – NOT Quite – or Half way**

**C)I am so glad – He cried – Tetelestai- It is finished –**

**D)We just need to embrace that – rest in that – walk in that and live in that REALITY**

**The moment that Jesus said that – Something radical happened in the temple. 51 Then, behold,**

**the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom;**

A) THIS WAS NO SMALL FEAT – the veil in the temple was not a sheet – not a shower curtain

B) The veil in the temple 60 feet tall – 30 feet wide

1) “Josephus reported that the veil was 4 inches thick, was renewed every year, and that horses tied to each side could not pull it apart.

**C) It was made of seventy-two braids, each consisting of twenty-four cords.**

1) The veil was so heavy that it took 300 hundred priests to hang it.

D) It stood as a Wall between the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies

**The whole system of worship in Judaism was one of Distance.**

A) We today because of what Christ did – have open access to approach God any time that we want.

B) But many of us don't appreciate the blessing that is!

C) Here is what I want to do today – in the remainder of our time together. – Help us appreciate more

**D) Help us understand the significance of what the Veil being rent means for us**

1) Contrast it with the mode of worship in Jewish life – prior to the Cross

E) Back in the OT prior to the temple – Tabernacle

**Now suppose you were an Amorite – riding up on your camel to the camp of Israel – see this fence of skins – 75 wide / 150 long –**

A) Inside you see the smoke from the Brazen Altar – look further see a tent of Skins – You ask – what is that Tent

B) One of the Israelites tells you – **that is the Tabernacle.** / that is the place where Israel meets w/ God

1) *Wow Your God actually comes and meets w/ You – can I go in there and see Him? - No you need to be an Israelite / Wish I were .....*

C) Well actually not only an Israelite but from the tribe of Levi – **Oh I wish .... from the tribe of Levi**

D) Well still not that simple – Not only an **Israelite** from the tribe **of Levi** but also from the **family of Aaron** – one of his **sons – a Priest / Oh I wish....**

E) Well I also forgot to mention – that even Aaron's sons don't get to go in but only the **High Priest**

1) **If I were High Priest..... EVERYDAY!**

**Well actually there was only one day – the whole year – that the High Priest would go in –**

A) The Day of Atonement – He was allowed into God's presence to bring the blood of a sin offering of the people to sprinkle on the mercy seat

B) None of the people of Israel were allowed in – None of the other priest – Only the High Priest – only on that day!

C) Here is what He would have to go through in order to prepare himself to enter beyond the Veil

**The High Priest would separate himself from his family for seven days prior to the Day of Atonement.**

A) Time of isolation prayer – reading scripture and preparing himself for the task.

B) If the High Priest entered into the Holy of Holies with sin in his life – struck dead on the spot

1) Bells on his robe and a rope around his ankle – just in case

C) This was serious business

**So the High priest would separate himself from his family for seven days**

A) He would undergo five different ceremonial baths

B) He would wash his hands and feet ten times

1) Making sure he was ceremonially clean

**C) He would Take off his priestly garments in exchange for simple linen garments –**

1) sign of his humility in coming before God

**He would sacrifice a bull for his own sins and the sins of his family**

A)Picture that – Hand on the Bull – identifying – taking my place paying for my sin slit it's throat – blood drain into a basin

B)The Bull would be burned on the altar – this was not a quick process!

C)Then he would **take Two goats** – One sacrificed as a sin offering for the sins of the people  
1)and the other would become the “scapegoat”

D)He would go into the Holy Place and offer incense

E)Then he would take **The Blood from the sin offering would be taken into the Holy of Holies**  
1)sprinkle it upon the mercy seat!

**This was the process the High Priest would go through in order to have that one moment in God's presence.**

A)After he came out the High Priest would take the scape goat – **the goat would be given to a group of priest** – lead into the wilderness

**B)One hill – wave – another hill – another hill – Signal**

C)Finally – The High Priest would pronounce that the sins of the people of Israel that were many – Removed – gone!!!  
1)Until next year – do it all over again

**That was the ritual and the process**

A)But that all Changed the day that Jesus died on the Cross – he cried **IT IS FINISHED – VEIL WAS TORN IN TWO**

B)This is what God was declaring – **OPEN HOUSE**

1)ANYONE – can come into my presence – at any time – as long as they come – through the blood of Jesus

**C)Through the Cross – not our merit – But His – not our Holiness – but His holiness**

1)Who can ascend..... clean hands and pure heart!

D)Of ourselves **NONE OF US HAVE THAT**  
1)BUT all of us do in Christ!!!!

**We come through Him**

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

A)Come boldly !!!! Grace and mercy time of need

**B)Come in confidence – You are welcome -**

1) God is ready to hear your cries – hears your heart –meet your needs

C)God is saying – **You are welcome in my presence – you don't need an appointment –**

1)You come anytime – any day – any need – I am always here –

**D)Consider these scriptures**

**<sup>19</sup>Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, <sup>21</sup>and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.** Hebrews 10:19-22

Ephesians 2:18

**.....for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.**

Ephesians 3:12

**.....in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.**

**Emphasis is boldness and access!**

A)Do you take advantage of that access? – Commune with the Lord on a daily basis.

B)2013 Study Brown Univ. Computer program distinguish sounds **babies cry – hurt/ tired or hungry**

**Bb)Jewish tradition tell us that after the Veil in the temple was torn in two from top to bottom that day**

1)The **Religious leaders sewed it back together**

C)Isn't that crazy! – God was saying – Open house – come in – come see me – fellowship with me

**D)The religious leaders were saying – NO KEEP OUT!**

**Do you know we can still do that – The veil has been torn in two**

**A)Access has been granted – and yet we sew it back up whenever we add something to the work of Christ**

**B)Believers in Galatia were told – Believing in Jesus is great –but you also need to be circumcised – to become Jewish**

**1)Paul said – NO WAY ..... CUT THEMSELVES OFF**

**C)Are you adding to the work of Christ? BY saying – being a Christian means believing in Jesus –**

**1)but also – don't do this don't do that!**

**Anytime we seek to attach some form of man's effort to the work of Christ on the cross – we cheapen the gospel.**

**A)It is like we are saying – JESUS REALLY MEANT WAS ALMOST – NOT QUITE**

**B)Salvation comes by grace alone through faith alone in the finished work of Christ on the cross!**

**C)Come boldly – celebrate – The Father is waiting for you today!**

**Don't know Him – Today**

**Do celebrate –**

**Start utilizing**