

Shaking, Breaking and Opening - Part 3 - The miracles surrounding the Cross-work of Jesus 1 Corinthians 15:14-26

Matthew 27:45-53 – The Five Miracles: Darkness, rending of the veil, shaking and rocks splitting, graves opening, saints raised from the dead.

Today we focus on miracles #3, 4 & 5 – Earthquake, Graves Opening, People rising from their graves.

Earthquake and Rocks Splitting:

- Historical observations
 - Phlegon 137AD
 - Julius Africanus *History of the World* 221AD
- Book-ends:
 - Giving of the Law: Ex 19:9-18
 - The Law a ministry of _____ 2 Cor 3:5-7
 - Payment of the debt of the Law: John 19:30



Open Graves

- Associated with the great quake

The Power of Death – Shattered!
- *The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the Law*
1 Cor 15:54-58
- **Matt 27:53**
 - By the **one act of Adam**, came **sin and death on all**.
 - But by the **one act of the Last Adam** on the Cross, came **righteousness and life for all** who trust in Him.
- Why didn't workers go out and shut the graves?

Raising Saints who had Died

- **Timing:** Not at the crucifixion, but _____
- **Type of raising:** _____
- **Demonstrates:**
 - the payment for sin was accepted
 - Witness to the resurrected of Christ, and so the future resurrection of all believers.
 - Undeniability of the Resurrection of Christ from death to life glorious!