

## **Christ's on the Cross: *Redemption***

*Luke 23:46*

### ***The Temple Curtain***

- The curtain separated the inner courts from the Holy of Holies
  - Holy of Holies represented the presence of God with His people
- It was 60' tall, 30' wide, and at least 4" thick
- It was made of woven thread
- It took 300 priests to move the curtains
- At the moment of Jesus' death it was torn in two from top to bottom (Matt. 27:51)
- It represented the Heavens & access to God
- The door had been opened into God's presence

### ***"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."***

- Jesus' last words are of His trust in His Father (Psalm 31:5)
- He had finished what He was sent to do
  - He had redeemed us
    - To buy back, as in a ransom (Mark 10:45)

### ***The Centurion's Confession***

- "Surely this was a righteous man."
  - A statement of Jesus' innocence
  - Matthew & Mark: "Surely this man was a son of God!"
    - Probably literal
    - Luke translates its meaning for his audience
- The events that occur at the time of His death show that Jesus was no ordinary man

### ***The Crowd***

- Some celebrated Jesus' death (v. 48)
- But those who loved Him mourned (v. 49)
  - It was to this later group that Jesus later appeared

### ***3 Days Later***

- Jesus' resurrection is proof that He accomplished His mission
  - He redeemed us!
  - If He would have remained dead, it would mean that He could not buy us back from death

- Jesus' resurrection means that He can make good on all His promises

### **So What?**

- God is in the business of Redemption
  - Turning garbage into gold
- Jesus' death was a catastrophe to those who loved Him
  - But, God has a way of turning the "bad" into something beautiful
- He wants to do that in our lives
  - And it starts by trusting Jesus

**Meditation Verse:** *Mark 16:6*