

**April 3**  
**Blessings from Jesus' Death**

■ **Text:** Mark 15:37~38 (April 18 Text)

■ **Point:** Jesus' death on the cross reconciled our relationship with God.

≡ **1. Prayer**

Thank you for allowing us to gather for worship during the week of remembering Jesus' suffering.

≡ **2. Praise**

Peace to give

≡ **3. The Word**

Read Mark 15:37~38 together (read the verse 3 times).

\* Repeating the text in different translations helps us to understand the material deeply.

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<sup>37</sup> And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup> And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

<NASB>

<sup>37</sup> But Jesus let out a loud cry, and died. <sup>38</sup> And the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

## Understanding the Text

When Jesus was crucified, the curtain of the sanctuary was torn from top to bottom. It is the curtain that separates the Holy from the Most Holy. The fact that the curtain of the sanctuary has been torn in two means that the way to God has been opened for everyone. My relationship with God, which had been blocked by sin, was completely restored through Jesus.

### Understanding the text for leaders

God is holy, so those who are guilty cannot come to Him. God prepared a way for sinners to come to Him through the sacrificial system. He built a tabernacle in the wilderness, and a temple in the days of David and Solomon to offer sacrifices and worship to God. The sacrifice of killing animals had many restrictions and complicated procedures. In addition, the sacrifices in the Old Testament did not completely solve the problem of sin, and every time they sinned, they had to kill an animal and offer a sin offering to God. The curtain separating the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place was the boundary between God and sinners. Only the high priest could enter once. However, the priest was also an imperfect human being, so he had to offer a sin offering for himself. Jesus, the Son of God, came to this earth as a perfect High Priest. He died on the cross, paying the price for all the sins of mankind once and for all. Then the curtain of the sanctuary was torn from top to bottom. This shows that the problem of sin has been resolved and our relationship with God has been completely restored (Ephesians 2:14~16). The age of grace has been opened because of Jesus' atonement on the cross. Anyone who believes in Jesus can become a holy priest before God (1 Peter 2:9~10) and confess his sins directly before God. There are also four people to intercede for others.

## 4. Sharing

1) What happened in the sanctuary when Jesus breathed His last breath after being crucified? (verse 38)

### Upper Grades

What happened in the temple after Jesus died? (verse 38)

### Lower Grades

What happened to the veil of the temple after Jesus died? (verse 38)

### Question Guide

Explain how great the gap between the holy God and the sinners is. The curtain of the sanctuary represents the boundary between the holy God and the sinner. In the Old Testament times, no sinner could come to God. If an unauthorized sinner walked through the veil, he would die. Jesus' death on the cross and the tearing of the curtain of the sanctuary shows that the way to God was wide open.

### Commentary for Leaders

The curtain of the sanctuary separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place. Sinners could not approach the Holy God. Anyone who did not allow a sinner to walk through the curtain would die. The fact that the curtain of the sanctuary was torn when Jesus died on the cross visually shows that the way to God was wide open. Jesus is the Son of God and is without sin. God sent His only Son to this earth to pay the penalty for sin on the cross in place of sinners. The sinless Jesus died in our place to break down the wall between God and us. The tearing of the veil of the sanctuary means that Jesus paid the full price for our sins. Through Jesus' death, we, sinners, are qualified to come boldly before God (Hebrews 10:19~20).

2) Since Jesus paid the price for my sins, I have the privilege of communicating with God at any time.

### ■ Upper Grades

Say a prayer of thanks to Jesus for allowing you to draw close to God and worship Him.

### ■ Lower Grades

Before the service, I said, "God, I'm here! Thank you for allowing me to worship today."

### □ Question Guide

If Jesus had not come to this earth or died on the cross, imagine what your life would be like now. Just like in the Old Testament times, every time we sinned, we would have killed animals and sacrificed ourselves according to the law. But after Jesus died on the cross, sacrifices were no longer necessary. Jesus' death on the cross solved the problem of sins for mankind, so we could communicate directly with God. Let them know that it is a great privilege for us to worship and pray to God, calling Him "Abba, Father" (Galatians 4:6). Give me.

### □ Commentary for Leaders

In the Old Testament times, only the chosen ones could come before God with a very limited limit, but now anyone who has received the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ can come boldly before God. Therefore, as long as you have a heart for God, you can come before God anywhere, at any time. I want you to remember what a great blessing and privilege this is. I want you to remember that the time to be cutie was given through Jesus' precious sacrifice.

## ≡ 5. Be Grateful

Give thanks to Jesus for paying the penalty for our sins on the cross and opening the way for us to come before God.

## ≡ 6. Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for opening the way for us, sinners, to come to You through the death of Jesus on the cross.

- Conclude the family worship service with the Lord's Prayer

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