

**JOHN 19:28-30**  
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**MATT 27:29 -54** OPENING READING

**MARK 15:24-38**

**REV. BOROSKY** - THE **LAST WORDS** THAT HE SPOKE TO HIS WIFE BEFORE HE DIED.(spoken as he returned from the mailbox, after mailing out a full day's work)

**"I HAVE FINISHED ALL MY WORK."**

The work that he had to accomplish was the will of God for **Rev. Borosky** in this life.

The work that Christ had to accomplish was for time and eternity a work for all of mankind undertaken by the triune God, consummated on the cross when the sacrifice was made and testified to by God when the son sat down at the right hand of the Father. Accepted!

**"IT IS FINISHED" -**

COMPARE: The **Samaritan woman at the well**. The disciples had gone for food.

**JOHN 4:34 - JESUS SAITH UNTO THEM, MY FOOD IS TO DO THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME, AND TO FINISH HIS WORK."**

(His work? **The work of God? Salvation of mankind!**

This Work Was: **Ordained Before The Foundation Of The Earth**

(**EPH. 1:4**), According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

**Revealed in the earliest record of God's revelation to man**

(**GEN. 3:15**) And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

**AND ACCOMPLISHED TO THE SMALLEST DETAIL.**

(**PS. 69:21**) They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

**Mat 27:34** They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted *thereof*, he would not drink.

(this mixture would have a certain opiate affect. Jesus refused to take it. "For Him it was necessary to bear the full load of man's sins with no impairment of His senses, no alleviation of His pain." **BBC**

*And again – near the end of His suffering.*

**Mat 27:48** And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled *it* with **vinegar**, and put *it* on a reed, and gave him to drink.

We have looked many times together at the myriad prophecies concerning the birth and life of Jesus as well as those prophecies relating to his death. **Jesus himself repeatedly spoke of this coming day - but even those closest to him did not fully understand those things that were to come to pass.**

WHEN JESUS CRIED FROM THE CROSS "**IT IS FINISHED**" ALL THAT HAD EVER BEEN OR EVER WOULD BE WAS **IRREVOCABLY CHANGED**. THE EARTH QUAKED, MANY OF THE SEPULCHERS AROUND JERUSALEM WERE OPENED, AND THE **VEIL OF THE TEMPLE WAS RENT INTO - TORN FROM TOP TO BOTTOM.**

**Matthew.** GIVES THIS ACCOUNT **Matt. 27:50-51**

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

**:52** And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

**FOR THE JEW – 1,500 YEARS OF RELIGIOUS PRACTICE CAME TO AN END ON THAT DAY! THE PRIESTS IN THE TEMPLE WHO WITNESSED THE TEARING OF THE VEIL COULD SCARCE HAVE UNDERSTOOD ITS SIGNIFICANCE.**

**This was no chiffon kitchen curtain. It was a tightly woven veil 30 tall feet by 60 feet wide and 4 inches thick** (“Early Jewish tradition stated that the Temple veil was as thick as a man’s hand, although this might be an exaggeration.”)

The noise it made as it tore and the sight it revealed (the **Holy of Holies**) must have left the priests on duty in a state of shock!

I AM SURE THEY MUST HAVE BUSIED THEMSELVES WITH AN IMMEDIATE RESTORATION PROJECT. I CAN ALMOST SEE THEM, TRYING NOT TO LOOK INTO THE HOLY OF HOLIES, FEARING THE WRATH OF GOD, YET LABORING TO RESTORE THAT WHICH WAS RENT.

But there was no damage really done - only the fulfillment of God's plan of the ages! They were so busy with maintaining the **status quo** that they could not comprehend the **new status** being afforded to all of mankind through the finished work of Christ.

**Heb 10:19** Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

**20** By a new and living way, **which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;**

**Romans 10:4** - "FOR CHRIST IS THE **END OF THE LAW FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS** **TO EVERYONE THAT BELIEVETH.**"

**THE SERVICE THAT THE PRIESTS RENDERED WAS NO LONGER NEEDED.**

## THEY WERE MAINTAINING A BUGGYWHIP FACTORY IN THE JET AGE!

IT WAS NOW A THING OF THE PAST, THOUGH THEY DID NOT KNOW IT AND ARE LARGELY BLIND TO IT TO THIS DAY.

**2 Cor. 3:7** But if the ministry of death, written *and* engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which *glory* was passing away,

**8** how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?

**9** For if the ministry of condemnation *had* glory, **the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory.**

**10** For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. *NKJV*

## GLORIOUS BUT ABOLISHED, -- DONE AWAY!

YET, DESPITE THE CLEAR TESTIMONY OF SCRIPTURE, MANY WANT TO PRESERVE INTACT THE TORN VEIL TO THIS DAY.

SOME WOULD SAY THAT IT WAS ONLY THE **CIVIL AND CEREMONIAL LAW** THAT WAS ABOLISHED, BUT **PAUL** MAKES CLEAR THAT IT WAS **THE LAW WRITTEN IN STONE** **THE TEN COMMANDMENTS!**

**2 Cor. 3:7** But if the ministry of death, **written *and* engraved on stones**, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which *glory* was passing away,

## CHRIST HAS MADE US FREE FROM THE LAW!

**Col. 2:16** - Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath *days*:

**17** Which are a **shadow of things to come**; but the body *is* of Christ.

FEAST = ANNUAL; NEW MOON = MONTHLY; SABBATH DAY = WEEKLY.  
“**Therefore let no one judge you**” means that a Christian cannot be justly condemned by others if, for instance, he **eats pork, or if he fails to observe religious festivals or holy days**. Some false cults, such as **Spiritism**, insist on their members abstaining from meats. For centuries **Roman Catholics** were not supposed to eat meat on Friday. Many churches require **abstinence from certain foods during Lent**. Others, like the **Mormons**, say that a person cannot be a member in good standing if **he drinks tea or coffee**. Still others, notably the **Seventh Day Adventists**, insist that a person must **keep the Sabbath** in order to please God. **The Christian is not under such ordinances. For a fuller treatment of the law, the Sabbath, and legalism**, see the excurses at [Mat 5:18](#), [Mat 12:8](#), and [Gal 6:18](#). *BBC*

## HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE LAW ENDED? - CHRIST FULFILLED ALL THE DEMANDS OF THE LAW!

CHRIST WAS MADE UNDER THE LAW - AND FULFILLED ALL THE DEMANDS OF THE LAW.

**GAL 4:4** But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

**:5 To redeem them that were under the law**, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

The Law Was Never Intended As A Way Of Salvation - Only A **CONDEMNATION**. - A CURSE – NOT A BLESSING!

**GAL 3:10- 12** for as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that continueth not in **all things** which are written in the book of the law to do them.

**:11** But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, **The just shall live by faith.**

**THE LAW DID NOT GIVE LIFE - BUT RATHER IT DEMANDED DEATH.**

**CHRIST PAID THE PENALTY OF THE LAW - HE CANCELLED OUR DEBT.**

**Gal 3:12** And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

**13** Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:

**14** That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

"OH", BUT YOU SAY "WHAT ABOUT **MATT. 5 :18** ? "

For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

**BUT CHRIST FULFILLED THE LAW. !**

**JOHN 19:28-30** After this, Jesus knowing that **all things were now accomplished**, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, *I thirst*.

**29** Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put *it* upon hyssop, and put *it* to his mouth.

**30** When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished**: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

**The cry of Jesus on the cross was not a cry of despair – but rather a cry of victory!**

**John 10:15** As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

**John 10:18** No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

## A few hours earlier – in the garden:

**Mat 26:52** Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

**Mat 26:53** Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than **twelve legions of angels?**

**Mat 26:54** But how then shall **the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?**

## Jesus has liberated us from the curse of the law and cleared every obstacle that separated us from the presence of God.

**Heb. 10:19** Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

**20** By a new and living way, **which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;**

## The work of securing salvation for all mankind is FINISHED!

**1Jn 2:1** My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

**2** And He Himself is the propitiation (*satisfaction*) for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

## There is nothing remaining for you to do but to believe.

**John 1:10** He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

**11** He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

**12** But as many as **received Him**, to them He gave **the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:**

**13** who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

**14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.