**Message Outline**

*The Cross and The Curtain*

**Matthew 27:45-56**

**Intro:** Looking at what took place nearly 2,000 years ago…

**Read:** Matthew 27:45-56

**v.45—**Good Friday services from 12-3pm, dim lights…

**v.46—**7 last phrases of Jesus from the cross…this is my fav!

* Nature of Trinity, feeling of forsakenness, praying Scripture, etc.
* Permission to ask the “why’s” in framework of faith (“*my* God…”)

**v.47—**Jesus misunderstood even from the cross…

**v.48-49—**Hydration…a help or a mean joke (cf. v.34)…

**v.50—**Jesus died…

**v.51-53—**Interesting (and confusing) details…

**v.54—**The centurion has seen this many times before, but there is something different about this One…

**v.55-56—**Sets the stage for Sunday…

**The Teaching behind the Tearing (v.51)…**

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* The tearing of cloth as a symbol of deep grief (cf. Gen.37:31-34, Job 1:18-20, etc.)…
* God grieving the loss of His Son…

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* Atonement made behind the curtain (cf. Hebrews 9)…
* You are forgiven because of what Jesus has done! He paid your debt!!!

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* God’s presence behind the curtain, now open and accessible (cf. Heb.9:14-15)…
* Nothing is holding you back from accessing God!

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* The Temple being torn and new “temple” built…not buildings but bodies (cf. 1Cor.6:19)…

**Closing:** Hebrews 10:19-25…this is what Jesus has opened for you!