



The Death of Jesus

The soldiers took Jesus away to a hill called Golgotha or Calvary. There they crucified him and put him to death on a wooden cross. But even while he was on the cross, he forgave those who were crucifying him. He said, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they are doing."

Even while Jesus was on the cross, people came to know he was the Son of God. One of these was a thief who was being crucified on a cross next to Jesus. Another who believed was a Roman soldier who was watching. There was a great earthquake. When the soldier heard the earthquake and saw the things that were happening, he became afraid and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

When Jesus died, the thick curtain in the Temple was torn apart. It ripped from the top to the bottom. This curtain had separated two rooms. In one room only the high priest could go, and in the other room, others could go. When Jesus died, he made it possible for all people to go to God and worship him without anyone else in between. Jesus is now our high priest.

This story can be found in Matthew 27:32-65 and John 19:1-37

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