

So What Happened When Jesus Died on the Cross Anyway?

Mark 15:37-38

37 And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

38 And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

Jesus' soul went into hell where he preached to the imprisoned souls.

Acts 2:25-32

25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

27 **Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.**

28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

30 **Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne**;

31 **He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.**

32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

1 Peter 3:18-20

18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, **but quickened by the Spirit**;

19 By which also **he went and preached unto the spirits in prison**;

20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

Both Paradise and Hell were in the bowels of the Earth at this time. Two areas separated by a great gulf fixed between them. The one side of this area of departed souls was for the wicked while the other side was for the righteous. Those that were wicked opened their eyes in flames of fire. While those that were righteous entered into Abraham's bosom, which was also called Paradise.

The greek word in use here for hell is:

86. haides, hah'-dace; from G1 (as a neg. particle) and G1492; prop. unseen, i.e. "Hades" or the place (state) of departed souls:--grave, hell.

Luke 16:19-31

19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,
21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.
22 **And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;**
23 **And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.**
24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.
25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.
26 And **beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed:** so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.
27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:
28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.
29 Abraham saith unto him, **They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.**
30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.
31 **And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.**

After three days Jesus rose from the dead.

Matthew 27:52-53

52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,
53 **And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.**

The Lord Jesus also took back the power that the devil had over mankind.

Hebrews 2:14

14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; **that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;**

Revelation 1:18

18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, **I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.**

After Jesus died, was buried, and resurrected, he told His disciples:

Luke 24:46-53

46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus **it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:**
47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
48 And **ye are witnesses of these things.**

49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: **but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.**

50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, **he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.**

52 And **they worshipped him**, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

53 And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

Luke, the beloved physician, is also the author of the book of Acts.

Acts 1:3-5

3 To whom also **he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:**

4 And, being assembled together with them, **commanded them** that they should not depart from Jerusalem, **but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.**

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

When the Apostles and disciples gathered in Jerusalem and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God, **they were waiting upon the Holy Ghost as Jesus had promised them.**

Remember we are in transition from the Old Testament Covenant to the New Testament Covenant.

Luke 22:20b

This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

No Testament can come into force without the death of the testator.

Hebrews 9:16-17

16 For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

17 For a testament is of force after men are dead: **otherwise** it is of **no strength** at all **while the testator liveth.**

The outpouring of the Holy Ghost when the day of Pentecost was fully come, was the fulfilling of the New Testament Covenant, which is:

Hebrews 8:10-13

10 For **this is the covenant that I will make** with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; **I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:**

11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

12 For **I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.**

13 In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

As soon as the Holy Ghost was poured out, when the day of Pentecost was fully come, this is what took place:

Acts 2:1-4

- 1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- 2 And **suddenly there came** a sound from heaven **as of a rushing mighty wind,** and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
- 3 And **there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire,** and **it sat upon each of them.**
- 4 And **they were all filled with the Holy Ghost,** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

When the multitudes gathered together and asked what was the meaning of what was going on, this is what was spoken:

Acts 2:36-42

- 36 Therefore let all the house of Israel **know assuredly,** that **God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.**
- 37 **Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart,** and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?
- 38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**
- 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.
- 40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, **Save yourselves from this untoward generation.**
- 41 Then **they that gladly received his word were baptized:** and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.
- 42 And **they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine** and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

This is how you partake of the New Testament Covenant that the Lord spoke, I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.....For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

The only way that this can take place for you is to follow what the Apostle Peter has spoken, which was, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**