

What God Saw on Easter Weekend

1 Cor. 15:4 (LSB) – “³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.”

I. On Friday

1. God saw that the most important moment in history had arrived—the moment that He had _____ to occur
2. God saw the _____ that had gripped the hearts of men
3. God saw His only _____ willingly taking the full fury of His Father’s wrath on our behalf
 - i. The Father had to _____ His Son in our place
 - ii. As God’s wrath poured out, _____ fell over the land
4. Jesus makes four statements that show God’s _____ even in the midst of judgment
 - i. Jesus prays for His _____
 - a. “Father, forgive them...” – **Luke 23:34**
 - ii. Jesus _____ a repentant sinner
 - a. “...you will be with Me in paradise.” – **Luke 23:43**
 - iii. Jesus makes provision for the care of his _____
 - a. “Behold your mother...behold your son.” – **John 19:26-27**
 - iv. Jesus mentions His _____
 - a. “I am thirsty” - **John 19:28**
 - v. Jesus utters a _____ cry, followed by declaring, “It is finished”
 - a. **John 19:30**
 - vi. Jesus finally utters a final prayer and _____ up His spirit
 - a. **Luke 23:46; Matt. 27:50; John 10:17-18**

5. **With the sacrifice complete, The Veil separating man from the presence of God is _____ from top to bottom**

i. **Mark 15:38**

II. On Saturday

1. **The Disciples were huddled and shuttered up in a dark room ready to _____ for their lives**

2. **Jesus is preaching _____ victory in the spirit realm**

III. On Sunday

1. **Jesus rejoins His body and _____ of the tomb that everyone thought would stay shut**

2. **Jesus begins to _____ to His disciples—to Peter, to the Twelve, and even five hundred to announce that the Lamb that was slain is now alive!**

IV. Conclusion

1. **God did not create humanity to have all of humanity taken away**

2. **The Almighty provided the way for humanity to be saved**

3. **Through Christ's death and resurrection, there is now hope for us—for all time**

Answer Key:

I. On Friday

1. God saw that the most important moment in history had arrived—the moment that He had PREDESTINED to occur
2. God saw the EVIL that had gripped the hearts of men
3. God saw His only SON willingly taking the full fury of His Father’s wrath on our behalf
 - i. The Father had to PUNISH His Son in our place
 - ii. As God’s wrath poured out, DARKNESS fell over the land
4. Jesus makes four statements that show God’s MERCY even in the midst of judgment
 - i. Jesus prays for His PERSECUTORS
 - ii. Jesus FORGIVES a repentant sinner
 - iii. Jesus makes provision for the care of his MOTHER
 - iv. Jesus mentions His THIRST
 - v. Jesus utters a LOUD cry, followed by declaring, “It is finished”
 - vi. Jesus finally utters a final prayer and YIELDED up His spirit
5. With the sacrifice complete, The Veil separating man from the presence of God is TORN from top to bottom

II. On Saturday

1. The Disciples were huddled and shuttered up in a dark room, ready to FLEE for their lives
2. Jesus is preaching HIS victory in the spirit realm

III. On Sunday

1. Jesus rejoins His body and WALKS OUT of the tomb that everyone thought would stay shut
2. Jesus begins to APPEAR to His disciples—to Peter, to the Twelve, and even five hundred to announce that the Lamb that was slain is now alive!

IV. Conclusion