

Celebrate Easter!
Part 1: Because the Curtain Was Torn
Matthew 27:45-54

Question #1: What was the purpose of the Temple curtain?

1. It separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies in the Temple.
2. It demonstrated the separation between God and humanity because of God's holiness (Exodus 33:20) and our sin (Isaiah 59:2).

Question #2: What caused the curtain to be torn?

1. God tore the curtain at the death of His Son. Matthew 27:50-51 tells us, ⁵⁰ *And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.* ⁵¹ *At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.*
2. The once-for-all sacrifice of Jesus as His blood made complete and final payment for our sins.

Hebrews 10:10-14 says, ¹⁰ ... *we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.* ¹¹ *Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.* ¹² *But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God ...* ¹⁴ *For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.*

Question #3: What difference does the torn curtain make today?

1. Through our new curtain, Jesus Christ, we can get in to God.

Hebrews 10:19-22 says, ¹⁹ *Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,* ²⁰ *by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,* ²¹ *and since we have a great priest over the house of God,* ²² *let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings ...*

2. Through Christ and the Holy Spirit, God can get out to us.

