

TODAY'S READING:

Matthew 27:11-61

JESUS EXPLAINED: "IT IS NECESSARY THAT THE SON OF MAN SUFFER, BE TRIED, FOUND GUILTY, BE KILLED AND AFTER THREE DAYS, RISE UP ALIVE." HE SAID THIS SIMPLY AND CLEARLY SO THEY COULDN'T MISS IT.

- MARK 8:31-32 MSG

Have you ever attempted to put together something without following the instructions, only to discover that you missed an integral step? It can be frustrating to be left with a handful of screws and a wobbly new table.

Jesus had given a blueprint of what was about to unfold. He said it "simply and clearly so they couldn't miss it." But many did.

Thankfully, the plan to save the world wasn't dependent on humanity's ability to follow the plan. The plan to save the world was completely dependent on Jesus.

And as Jesus breathed his last earthly breath, we read that the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The purpose of this curtain was to separate the Most Holy Place [where the Spirit of God resided] from the spaces where men would worship. Only God could tear this heavy curtain from the top to bottom and it happened at the exact moment that Jesus' breathed his last breath, symbolizing the end of separation between God and man.

Jesus' death changed everything.... just as Jesus had said it would!

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