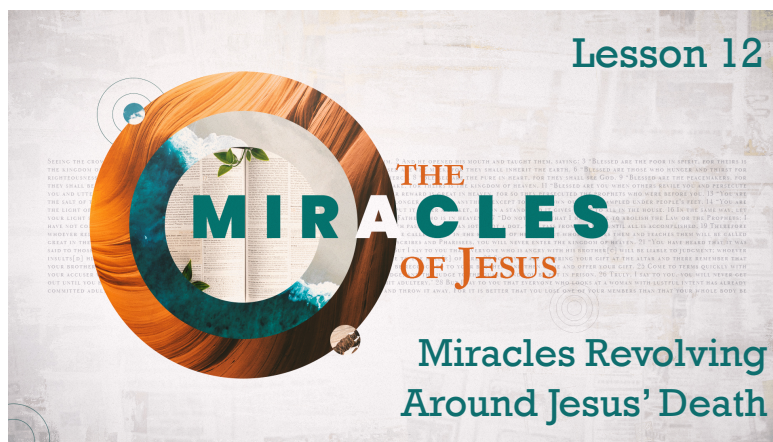


There are so many miracles we could continue to look into, but as our study nears its conclusion, we need to spend a little bit of time thinking through **the miracles revolving around Jesus' death**. Let's open our Bibles back to **Luke 23** and listen in as Luke tells us about Jesus going to the Garden of Gethsemane on the night of his betrayal.



In **Luke 23:39-46**, Jesus encourages the disciples to pray and personally spends time pouring his heart out to the Father in heaven. When Judas, one of the apostles, leads a crowd into the garden to arrest Jesus, some of the disciples ask, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?”



And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him. (**23:50-51**)

John tells us in his Gospel that Simon Peter is the one who struck the high priest's servant and that the servant's name was Malchus (**18:10**). But even seeing this miracle and the heart of Jesus behind it, “they seized him and led him away” (**Luke 23:54**).

Throughout the night, Jesus is led before a variety of authorities and eventually sentenced to crucifixion by the Roman governor Pilate. Let's pick up in **Luke 23:44-45**:



It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

Matthew, in his Gospel, wants to make sure we understand: something miraculous was happening here.

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. (**27:51**)

But the miracles weren't happening just inside the temple.

And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!” (**27:51-54**)



So what did it all mean? What does it confirm for us about Jesus? **Let's talk about it...**

For Class & Family Discussion:

- If Jesus knew what was going to happen to him in Jerusalem ([Luke 18:31-34](#)), why would he even go there in the first place? Why not just stay in Galilee and continue to work miracles?
- In your own words, what is Jesus really saying as he prays to the Father in [Luke 22:41-42](#)?
- We've noticed throughout this study that Jesus knew what was in the hearts of the people around him. Did he know that Judas was going to betray him that night? How can we know for sure?
- Why do you think Jesus told Peter to put the sword away after he had struck the servant of the high priest? [John 18:11](#) might be helpful here...
- If Malchus was there to help arrest Jesus, why would Jesus heal *him*?
- The curtain of the temple being torn in two from top to bottom seems to be really significant as Jesus dies. What's the meaning of that miracle? How is it serving as a sign for all time?
- Why do you think that Roman centurion would be moved to say what he did in [Matthew 27:54](#) while, at the same time, so many of the Jewish authorities would refuse to say the same thing about Jesus? How have these miracles had a powerful way of revealing what's really inside the heart of people?