

# **“GRAND OPENINGS”**

## **Matthew 27:50-54**

**Today we celebrate the greatest grand opening in the world!**  
- This resurrection Sunday we remember  
that Christ rose from the grave

**Today we want to look at some “Grand Openings”  
that happened as a result of  
Christ’s death.**

**CHRIST’S DEATH PROVIDED A “GRAND OPENING”  
FOR THE DOORS OF DELIVERANCE!**

*Because of Christ’s Death:*

**I. THE TEMPLE IS OPENED (51)**

**A. THE RECORD**

1. Christ died on the cross (50)
2. God divided the curtain (51)

**B. THE REALITY**

1. Consequences
  - No more restrictions, reservations, representatives, returning or ritual
2. Communion

Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,<sup>20</sup> by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,<sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God,<sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

**- Hebrews 10:19-22**

**C. THE RECIPIENTS**

1. Those who were seeking God
2. Priests and worshippers gathered in the temple at 3:00 PM

***Christ’s death delivers seekers from barriers!***  
- This is a “Grand Opening!”

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*Because of Christ's Death:*

## II. **THE TOMBS WERE OPENED** (52-53)

### A. THE RECORD

1. Note the Cemetery
2. Note the Saints
3. Note the Situation

### B. THE REALITY

1. These are An Illustration - Lev. 23:10-14
2. These are An Indication - I Corinthians 15
  - a. An indication of God's promise - **I Cor. 15:20-22** But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.
  - b. An indication of God's plan - I Cor. 15:50-57

### C. THE RECIPIENTS

1. "Saints"
2. Those who had put their hope and faith in the promised Messiah

**Christ's death delivers saints from burial!**

- That is a "Grand Opening!"

*Because of Christ's Death:*

## III. **THE TOUGH ARE OPENED** (54)

### A. THE RECORD

1. They are hearers of Christ's encounters
2. They are hardened by their employment
3. They are horrified by the unexpected events
4. They are heartened by their realization

### B. THE REALITY

1. Christ's Death
2. Christ's Deliverance - Romans 5:1 .

### C. THE RECIPIENT

- Sinner soldiers!

**Christ's death delivers sinners from bondage!**

- This is truly a "Grand Opening!"

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**CONCLUSION:**

As we consider the “Grand Openings” associated with Christ’s death, we never walk away disappointed, disgusted or disgruntled saying, “NO BIG DEAL.”

**CHRIST’S DEATH OPENED WIDE THE DOORS OF DELIVERANCE**

- I. The TEMPLE is opened
  - Christ’s death delivers seekers from barriers
  
- II. The TOMBS were opened
  - Christ’s death delivers saints from burial
  
- III. The TOUGH are opened
  - Christ’s death delivers sinners from bondage

***These are truly unexpected, undeniable and unbelievable Grand Openings!***