

# Matthew Series

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# MATTHEW

## JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

**The Accomplishments of Christ's Death:  
Propitiation; Stages 26–30  
1 John 2:2; Matt. 27:50–56;  
Mark 15:37–41; Luke 23:47–49**



# **Interlude: Accomplishments of Messiah's Death**

- 1. Substitution**
- 2. Redemption**
- 3. Cancellation (Expiation)**
- 4. Forgiveness**
- 5. Satisfaction (Propitiation, the payment is satisfactory)**



# **What the Bible Teaches About Substitutionary Atonement**





**The Old Testament illustrates this through a series of sacrifices which are substitutionary in nature.**

**Lev. 1:3, “If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish; he shall offer it of his own free will at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the LORD.**

**Lev. 1:4, “Then he shall put his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him.”**







# What the Bible Teaches About Propitiation





**Key word:**

**Satisfaction**

**The satisfaction of God's Righteousness  
and Justice**



**Man**

**Position  
in Adam  
Spiritual**

**-R**

~~**Character  
of God**~~

~~**Penalty  
of Sin**~~

~~**SIN**~~

**GOD**

**+R  
J**

**Propitiation  
(Expiation)**

**Redemption**

**Unlimited  
Atonement**



## **Key verse:**

**1 Jn. 2:2, “and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *those of the whole world.*”**



**Ex. 25:17, “You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold, two and a half cubits long and one and a half cubits wide.**

**Ex. 25:18, “You shall make two cherubim of gold, make them of hammered work at the two ends of the mercy seat.”**

כַּפֹּרֶת, *kapporeth*, mercy

ἱλαστήριον *hilastērion*

propitiation, place of forgiveness

“that which expiates” NIDNTT



**Ex. 25:19, “Make one cherub at one end and one cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim *of one piece* with the mercy seat at its two ends.**

**Ex. 25:20, “The cherubim shall have *their* wings spread upward, covering the mercy seat with their wings and facing one another; the faces of the cherubim are to be *turned* toward the mercy seat.”**

כַּפֹּרֶת, *kapporeth*, mercy

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**Ex. 25:21, “You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony which I will give to you.**

**Ex. 25:22, “There I will meet with you; and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, I will speak to you about all that I will give you in commandment for the sons of Israel.”**

**כַּפֹּרֶת, *kapporeth*, mercy**

**ἱλαστήριον *hilastērion***

**propitiation, place of forgiveness**

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**Rom. 3:25, “whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. *This was* to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;”**

**ἱλαστήριον *hilastērion*  
propitiation, place of forgiveness  
“that which expiates” NIDNTT**



**Heb. 2:17, “Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.”**

**ἱλάσκομαι *hilaskomai*  
“expiate, propitiate,  
satisfy”**



**1 Jn. 2:2, “and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *those of the whole world.*”**

**ἱλασμός *hilasmos***

**“expiation, propitiatory sacrifice, satisfaction of God’s righteousness and justice”**



**1 Jn. 4:10, “In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.”**



# **Interlude: Accomplishments of Messiah's Death**

- 1. Substitution**
- 2. Redemption (payment of a price)**
- 3. Cancellation (Expiation: cancels the debt)**
- 4. Forgiveness (blots out the debt)**
- 5. Satisfaction (Propitiation: satisfies Justice and Righteousness)**



# **The 36 Stages of the Crucifixion**

- 1. The Procession to Golgotha, stages 1–5**
- 2. The Wrath of Man, stages 6–17**
- 3. The Wrath of God, stages 18–25**
- 4. The Confirming Signs, stages 26–30**
- 5. The Burial of our Lord, stages 31–36**



**Stage 25: The Death of Jesus of Nazareth**  
**(Mt. 27:50; Mk. 15:37; Lk. 23:46; Jn. 19:30)**

**Mark 15:37, “And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last.”**

**John 19:30, “So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, ‘It is finished!’ And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.”**

***πνεῦμα* *pneuma* acc neut sing  
wind; breath; spirit, Spirit, a  
general term for the immaterial  
part of man**



## **The Attesting Signs**

### **Matt 27:51–56**

**Matt. 27:51, “Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,**

**Matt. 27:52, “and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;**

**Matt. 27:53, “and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.”**



# **Six Phenomena Occur at the Time of the Cross**

- 1. Darkness**
- 2. Torn veil**
- 3. Earthquake**
- 4. Rocks split**
- 5. Opened graves**
- 6. Resurrected saints**



**Stage 26: The Veil of the Temple is Torn**  
**(Matt. 27:52–53; Mark 15:38; Luke 23:45)**

**Matt. 27:51**, “Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,”

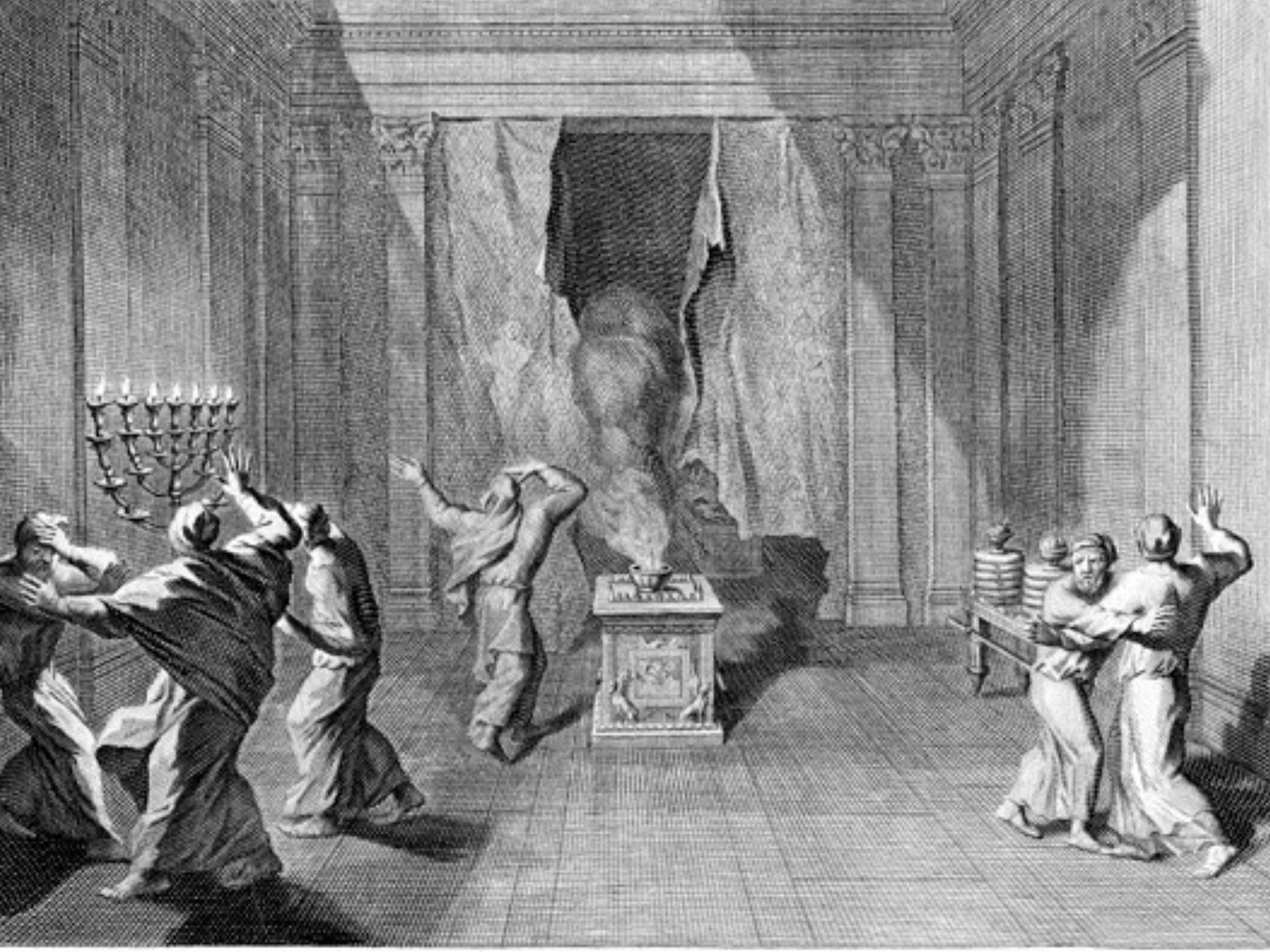
**Mark 15:38**, “Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.”

**Luke 23:45**, “Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two.”











**RABBAN SIMEON THE SON OF GAMALIEL  
SAYS IN THE NAME OF R. SIMEON THE  
SON OF THE CHIEF [OF THE PRIESTS]:  
THE VEIL WAS A HANDBREADTH IN  
THICKNESS AND WAS WOVEN ON  
SEVENTY-FOUR CORDS, EACH CORD  
MADE UP OF TWENTY-TWO THREADS. IT  
WAS FORTY CUBITS LONG AND TWENTY  
CUBITS BROAD . . .**



**Heb. 10:19, “Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,**

**Heb. 10:20, “by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,**

**Heb. 10:21, “and having a High Priest over the house of God,”**



## **Stage 27: The Earth Quaked** **(Matt. 27:51)**

**Matt. 27:51, “Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,”**



## **Stage 28: The Rocks Were Split** **(Matt. 27:51)**

**Matt. 27:51, “Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,”**



**Stage 29: And the Graves Were Opened  
and Many Saints who had Fallen Asleep  
Were Raised  
(Matt. 27:52–53)**



**Matt. 27:52, “and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;**

**Matt. 27:53, “and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.”**



# **Rabbinic Legends**

**“The first legend is mentioned in the Jerusalem Talmud, tractate Yoma 6:3: ‘It has been taught: Forty years before the destruction of the Temple the western light went out.’ ”**



# **Rabbinic Legends**

**“A second legend is recorded by both Josephus and the Talmud. The heavy temple doors usually took several men to open, but they swung open of their own accord.”**



# **Rabbinic Legends**

**“A third legend states that the lintel of the Temple doorway, an enormous stone at least thirty feet long, cracked and fell in that year.”**



## **Rabbinic Legends**

**“A fourth legend, a scarlet ribbon was tied to the horns of the scapegoat on Yom Kippur, and when the goat was released into the wilderness, the scarlet ribbon would turn white.”**



## **Mishnah:**

**R. Ishmael said: “But they had another sign, too: A thread of crimson wool was tied to the door of the temple. And when the he-goat reached the wilderness, the thread turned white, as it is written: ‘Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.’ ”**



**“For forty years before the destruction of the Temple the thread of scarlet never turned white but it remained red”.**



## **Stage 30: The Bystander's Reaction**

### **The centurion**

**Matt. 27:54, “So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, ‘Truly this was the Son of God!’ ”**

**Luke 23:47, “So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, ‘Certainly this was a righteous Man!’ ”**



## **Stage 30: The Bystander's Reaction**

**The people**

**Luke 23:48, “And the whole crowd who came together to that sight, seeing what had been done, beat their breasts and returned.”**



## **Stage 30: The Bystander's Reaction**

**Those who “knew Jesus”**

**Luke 23:49, “But all His friends, and the women who followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.”**