

# Passion *Mysteries*



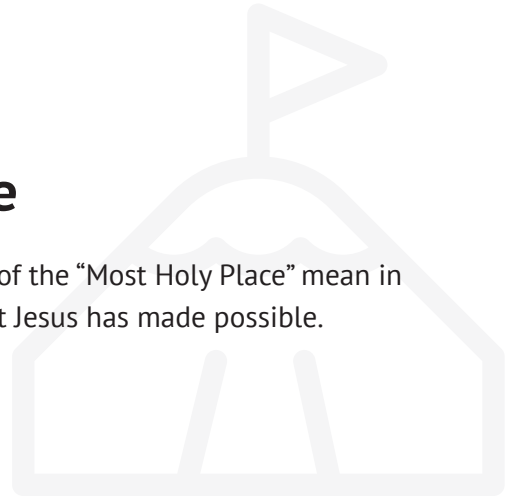
**SUMMARY** | The Bible is filled with mysterious events and unusual situations—and that is particularly true of the events surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus. This time on Discover the Word, we want to consider some of the mysterious happenings surrounding the passion of Christ and what God was doing through those mysterious events.

## This Week's Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 27:15–20. What strikes you about the dream of Pilate's wife? With the ancient world's tendency to attach great significance to dreams, how should her dream have impacted Pilate? Why didn't it seem to affect him that way?
2. Think of a time when you experienced deep darkness. Where were you? What did it feel like? How might those feelings have been shared by those surrounding the cross of Jesus? (Matthew 27:45–46).
3. What was the purpose of the veil in Jerusalem's temple? Why is it so significant that the veil was torn apart? What did that event picture or accomplish? (Matthew 27:50–51).
4. Matthew 27:50–53 records the events of the graves that were opened and the dead who rose and were seen around Jerusalem. Why is that event linked to Jesus' own resurrection?

## Challenge

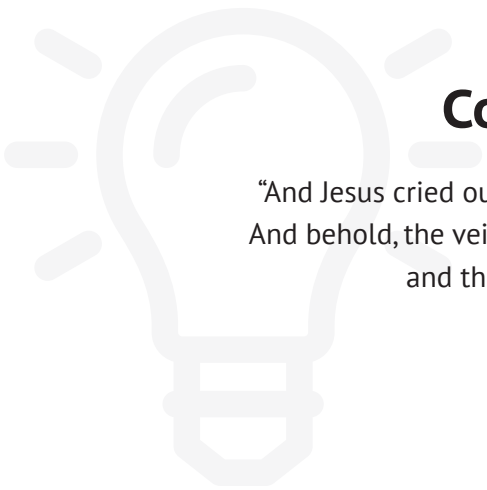
Read Hebrew 9 this week. What does the opening of the “Most Holy Place” mean in your life? Spend time thanking God for what Jesus has made possible.



## Commit To Memory

“And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split.”

Matthew 27:50–51 NASB



## Prayer

Lord, You are truly amazing. May You grasp my attention and my heart by Your acts of mystery and wonder, and may You reveal Yourself in the everyday things of life as well. Teach me to see Your hand in all and everything I experience in life.

Amen.

