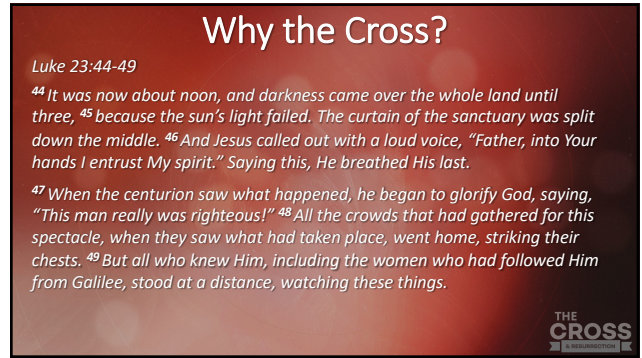
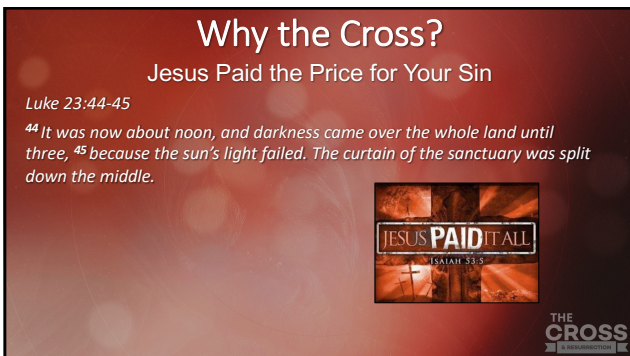




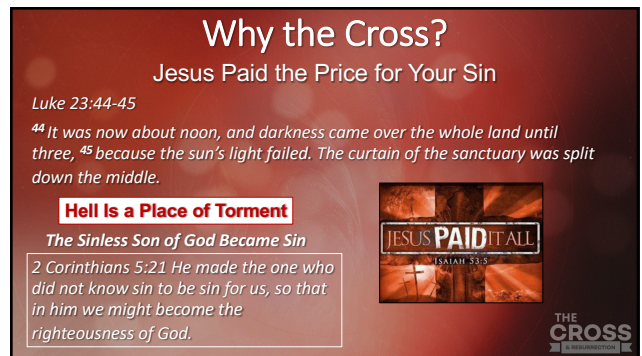
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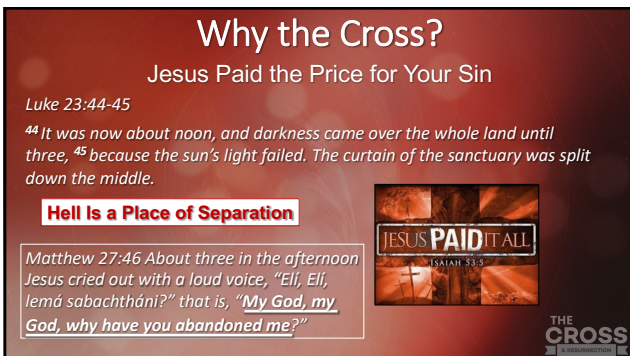
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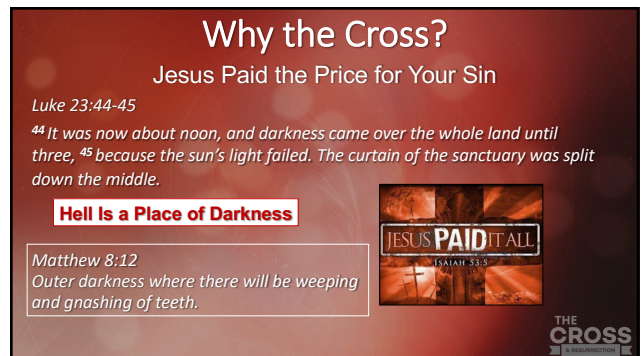
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Why the Cross?

Jesus Paved the Way to God for You

Matthew 27:46
 About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lemá sabachtháni?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

2 Words for Why:
Maddua (Hebrew) - Looks Backwards
 It Seeks an Explanation
Lemá (Aramaic) - Looks Forward
 It Seeks a Demonstration of Purpose



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3 Demonstrations of Purpose

The Curtain Was Torn

Luke 23:45
The curtain of the sanctuary was split down the middle.

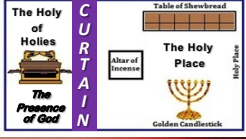



You Can be Reconciled to God



The Holy of Holies
CURTAIN
The Presence of God

Table of Shewbread
The Holy Place
Abner of Incense
Golden Candlestick
High Place





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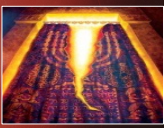
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No More Barrier



Hebrews 4:16
 Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.



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No More Sacrifices



Hebrews 10:10
 By this will of God, we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once and for all time.



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No More Mediators



1 Timothy 2:5
 For there is one God and one mediator between God and humanity, Christ Jesus.



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The Raising of the Dead

Matthew 27:51-53
⁵¹Suddenly, the curtain of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom, the earth quaked, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs were also opened and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³And they came out of the tombs after his resurrection, entered the holy city, and appeared to many.

Your Body Will Be Resurrected From the Dead



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 Jesus Paved the Way to God for You

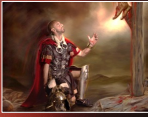
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The Confession That Jesus Is the Son of God

Luke 23:47
When the centurion saw what happened, he began to glorify God, saying, "This man really was righteous!"

You Can Be Redeemed

2 Corinthians 5:21
He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



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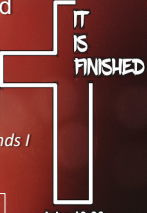
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 Jesus Proclaimed It Is Finished

John 19:30
"It is finished." Then bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.

Luke 23:46
And Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into Your hands I entrust My spirit." Saying this, He breathed His last.

Luke 24:7 *It is necessary that the Son of Man be betrayed into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and rise on the third day.*

John 19:30



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John 10:29 *My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all. No one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.*

John 19:30



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Why the Cross?

Jesus Paid the Price for Your Sin

Jesus Paved the Way to God for You

Jesus Proclaimed It Is Finished

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