

Moving Toward Easter

We are entering the climactic portion of Holy Week. This is Good Friday, observed as the anniversary of Christ's death on the cross.

It recalls the blackest moment in all of history. The Son of God, the Sacrificial Lamb Who had come to save man from his sins, was rejected, falsely tried, sentenced and nailed to a cross, to be lifted between heaven and earth.

When He died, nature reacted violently.

Darkness – suddenly, strangely – covered the earth. An earthquake shook the region, and rocks were rent. Graves were opened, “and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many,” Matthew tells us in his Gospel.

So Jesus, bearing our sins, died. But death and the grave could not keep Him. He arose! And in His resurrection, Jesus makes it possible for every person who believes in Him to defeat death and to gain new and everlasting life.

The glory of that Easter truth will be celebrated throughout the world this Sunday.

Hallelujah! Christ arose.

--Beecher Hunter