

## The Miracles of Calvary - #4 – The Opened Tombs - 4/7/2019

*Matthew 27:51-53 (ESV) 51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. 52 **The tombs also were opened.** And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised,*

### The Opened Tomb Forecast the End of Cemeteries Because it Forecast the End of Death

#### I. “TOMBS?” Why Do We Have Tombs?

1. What is a tomb? Is not a silly question

2. Why is a tomb a special place?

1 Kings 13:21-22

2 Chron. 21:20 24:25 28:27 32:33

Why is the tomb a proper place or is it?

Gen 15:15

Deut 34:5-6

1 Cor 15:4

1 Sam 31:12 – Sual and sons bodies burned....but bones buried!

#### II. “OPENED?” Why Do We Keep Tombs Closed?

1. A tomb is closed for some very good reasons.

a. To protect the living from defilement before God

Num 19:11-16

Mat 23:27

b. To protect the living from the discomfort and disease

Lev. 13-14

John 11:38-39

c. To protect and honor the body of the deceased loved one.

Gen 23

Gen 35:9, 13-14, 19-20

2 Kings 23:16-18

Rev. 11:8-9

#### III. “ALSO WERE”? Why Were These Tombs Opened?

1. This is an alarming event

2. To find the meaning ask “What was God doing at the cross?”

Mat 8:28

Heb 2:15

1 Cor 15:54-57

Heb 2:14

3. What does the tomb mean to you?