

My God, My God, Why Have You forsaken Me?

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Matthew 27:45-49 (see also Mark 15:33-36)

- The scene: The Crucifixion
 - Sixth hour to the ninth hour = noon to 3 pm.
 - Darkness came on the land: Sign of God's judgment
- The cry: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
 - Cry: To cry out with unusually loud volume.
 - My God, my God... Quote from Psalm 22:1.
 - Why have you forsaken me?
 - Forsake = turn your back on, abandon, leave behind
- The response of the listeners:
 - He's calling Elijah!
 - Offered a drink.
 - Stopped! – (Let's see if Elijah saves him!)
- The Significance of the saying:
 - Jesus was paying the penalty for our sin.
 - Isaiah 53:5-6 – Punishment that brought us peace.
 - Mark 10:45 - Ransom for our sin.
 - Romans 3:25-26 - Sacrifice of atonement = The One who would turn aside God's wrath, taking away our sin.
 - Romans 5:8 - Christ died for us – in our place.
 - Galatians 3:13 - Jesus became the curse for us!
 - Hebrews 2:17 - Made atonement for the sins of the people.
 - 1 Peter 2:24 - He bore our sins in his body on the tree... by his wounds you are healed.
 - 1 Peter 3:18 - Christ died for sins once for all.
 - 1 John 2:2 - He is the atoning sacrifice for all – the whole world.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21 - He became sin, so we could become righteous.

Key:

- He was God forsaken so that we could become God forgiven!

Application:

- Because Jesus was forsaken for a time, you shall not be forsaken forever.
 - See Hebrews 13:5

The 4th word of the cross: Separation.