



SAWN

April 3, 2022
Matthew 27:45 – 50
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MESSAGE NOTES

From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”). When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.” Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, “Now leave Him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save Him.” And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, He gave up His spirit.

— Matthew 27:45 – 50

My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Why are You so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? My God, I cry out by day, but You do not answer, by night, but I find no rest. — Psalm 22:1 – 2

Yet You are enthroned as the Holy One; You are the One Israel praises. In You our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and You delivered them. To You they cried out and were saved; in You they trusted and were not put to shame.

— Psalm 22:3 – 5

But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people. — Psalm 22:6

All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. “He trusts in the LORD,” they say, “let the LORD rescue him. Let Him deliver him, since He delights in him.” — Psalm 22:7 – 8

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. — Psalm 22:11

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me. — Psalm 22:14

My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. — Psalm 22:15

Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet. — Psalm 22:16

For He has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; He has not hidden His face from him but has listened to his cry for help. — Psalm 22:24

Posterity will serve Him; future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim His righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it! — Psalm 22:30 – 31



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Matthew 27:45 – 50; Psalm 22

- What is the main thing that stuck out to you about the message?
- Which of the last sayings of Jesus has stuck out to you most? Why?
- Why do you think Jesus cried out, “Father why have You forsaken me?”
- Does God abandon us because of our sin? Explain.
- Why do you believe Jesus quoted parts of Psalm 22?
- Have you ever felt abandoned by a loved one or parents before? What was that like?
- Have you ever felt abandoned by God? What was that like?
- When do you not feel abandoned by God?
- What can you do this week to feel more connected to God?