

"The Word of Anguish"
Matthew 27:46
Good Friday, April 7, 2023

4th Word "The Word of Anguish" Matthew 27:46 "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?" This 4th Word is that of a question! Why has God Forsaken Jesus? **Psalm 37:25**

Anguish – *"agony, pain, torment, torture, misery, grief, desolation"*

"Seven Words" "7" Number of "completeness, perfection" reveals God's answer to our basic spiritual needs.

The First Three Words Were Spoken In The Daylight!

1st Word – Forgiveness - **Luke 23:34**

2nd Word – Salvation - **Luke 23:43** - **Luke 19:10**

3rd Word – Affection - **John 19:26-27**

4th Word "The Word of Anguish"
(Spoken In Darkness Matthew 27:45 Now from the sixth hour darkness)
Matthew 27:46

This 4th Word is the halfway point of the seven words.
It is the mid-point of the crucifixion

Thought Of The Passage: "The Word Of Anguish Was Spoken By Jesus For Us So That We Would Never Have To Speak It Ourselves"

- 1. Darkness At The Cross**
- 2. Loneliness At The Cross**
- 3. Blindness At The Cross**

1. Darkness At The Cross:

Matthew 27:45 Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land This would be 12:00 PM. **Mark 15:25** Jesus was crucified on the cross at 9:00 AM.

Isaiah 53:4,10

Luke 1:78 "Father" is a God who redeems and loves us. **1 Peter 3:18**

The Darkness: darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour.
The darkness lasted three hours.

Darkness – *In Scripture, darkness has always been associated with the judgment of God for great sin.* **Amos 8:9**

Three Possible Reasons For The Darkness:

- 1. The Sympathizing Of All Creation For The Creator – Matthew 27:29 And after twisting together a crown of thorns,**

When Adam sinned, it affected all of creation. **Genesis 3:15-19**

All Of Creation Obeys God, Except Man: Romans 8:19-22

Jesus wore a crown of thorns, and that crown represented what Jesus came to do. He came to reverse the curse!

- 2. The Darkness Of Solemn Judgment – God provided the Passover for Israel. Exodus 10:21-23; Exodus 12:13**

This hour was one of solemn judgment. **John 12:31-32**

- 3. The Darkness Of Secrecy – On the Day of Atonement, only the High Priest himself went into the Holy of Holies to make atonement, and so did Jesus. Leviticus 16-17; Hebrews 9:7**

sprinkle the blood of a bullock **offers for himself** (Priest Needed a Priest) and **for the sins of the people** atonement of the nation (**Leviticus 16:11-28**)

Hebrews 10:12; John 17:4 Salvation through death on the cross.

2. Loneliness At The Cross:

Matthew 27:46 (Mark 15:34) About the ninth hour

This would be 3:00 PM. There has been darkness for three hours!

Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

The cry of Jesus could be heard, and God wanted these words to be heard!

saying, "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?"

This is Aramaic which was the common language of the people.

that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"

Jesus says, **"MY GOD, MY GOD,** this is the only time in any of Jesus' prayers that Jesus does not address God as "Father" but "My God"

Jesus Never Wavered In His Trust In God:

Even though Jesus is separated from the Father, He still says, **"MY GOD, MY GOD,** There is still a God, and He is My God!

Job 13:15 "Though He slay me, I will hope in Him.

WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?" This is the question of questions!

Forsaken – a Greek word that has 3 parts, "to leave" (meaning abandon); "down" (suggesting defeat, and helplessness); "in" (referring to place or circumstance). The word means "*forsaking someone in a state of defeat or helplessness in the midst of hostile circumstances*"

Jesus throughout His life was forsaken: His family, Nazareth (His hometown), the nation, at His arrest his disciples and the cross.
Now God turns on the Son!

John 8:29 "And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, John 16:32

Jesus Was Forsaken Because God is Holy And Just: Habakkuk 1:13

Abraham – Genesis 18:27

David - Psalm 51:5

Job – Job 42:6

Isaiah – Isaiah 6:5

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death,

**Our Salvation Was Purchased When Jesus Cried Out These Words:
"MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"
When Jesus cried out, it was paid in full!**

Divine judgment fell upon His shoulders. Jesus not only took our sins upon Himself but suffered the penalty for them!

This wail is the wail of a lost soul. This was the Father's will.
**That the Son taste spiritual death for all mankind. Hebrews 2:9;
2 Corinthians 5:21**

**Jesus' sufferings were both in His humanity and in His deity.
Luke 23:46**

Genesis 22:10-12

The voice that had cried out at Moriah is now silent at Calvary!

Jesus was all-alone, Separated From His Father. WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?" Sin Isolates, Sin Separates. Genesis 3:8

Luke 13:28 "Weeping and the gnashing of teeth!" Not Necessary!

God Has Never Forsaken Us: God was with Joseph in his trials, David, Daniel, but **God's own Son was forsaken. Hebrews 13:5**

These Words Of Jesus Reveal The Greatest Love In Heaven And Earth: John 15:13

3. Blindness At The Cross:

Matthew 27:46 There were many people around the cross, soldiers and others, that heard this cry from Jesus in the darkness!

Psalm 22 is a passage 1000 years before the cross. It is written from the view of Jesus as he hangs from the cross and observes the people, and as He speaks. **Psalm 22:7-8, 18**

Matthew 27:47 Jesus was not calling for Elijah He was quoting **Psalm 22:1-2**

David did not fear death but feared being separated from God: Psalm 51:11; Acts 17:30

Application:

1. Divine Judgment Fell Upon Jesus. Jesus Not Only Took Our Sins Upon Himself, But Suffered The Penalty For Them:
2. Even Though Jesus Was Forsaken Of God, Jesus Never Wavered In His Trust In God. It Is Unfortunate That People Forsake God Because Of Something That God Allows That They Don't Understand:
3. These Words Of Jesus "**MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?**" Reveal The Greatest Love In Heaven And Earth: **John 3:16**
Romans 5:8