

**Series "The Seven Words"**  
**"The Word Of Anguish"**  
**Matthew 27:46**  
**Word-4**

**Matthew 27:45-49**

**4<sup>th</sup> Word, "The Word of Anguish," Matthew 27:46 – "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?" – This 4<sup>th</sup> Word is that of a question! Psalm 37:25**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Word – Forgiveness: **Luke 23:34 – "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." Jesus** taught about forgiveness.

2<sup>nd</sup> Word – Salvation: **Luke 23:43 – "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."** Jesus came to save the lost, **Luke 19:10.**

3<sup>rd</sup> Word – Affection: **John 19:26-27 – "Woman, behold your son!" "Behold, your mother!"** Jesus followed the Law, 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment.

**4<sup>th</sup> Word – "The Word of Anguish:" (Spoken In Darkness) Matthew 27:46 – "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"**

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

- 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" – This would be 12:00 PM.  
Mark 15:25 – Jesus was crucified on the cross at 9:00 AM.

Isaiah 53:4; Isaiah 53:10

Luke 1:78

1 Peter 3:18

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

"Darkness" – in Scripture, has always been associated with judgment of God for great sin. Supernatural darkness; was an outward sign of the darkness that now wrapped itself around the soul of Jesus.

### **3 Reasons For The Darkness: Amos 8:9-10**

**1. The Sympathizing Of All Creation For The Creator –**  
Matthew 27:29 – "And after twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head,"

Genesis 3:15-19

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

Jesus wore a crown of thorns. That crown represented what Jesus came to do. He came to reverse the curse.

**2. The Darkness Of Solemn Judgment –** Lamb of God was dying for our sins. The just dying for the unjust, Exodus 10:21-23; Exodus 12:12-13

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

Outer darkness is a name for hell – Matthew 25:30.

**3. The Darkness Of Secrecy –** In the three hours there was a transaction between Jesus, the Son of God and the Father. The Day of Atonement; only the High Priest by himself went into the Holy of Holies to make atonement; so did Jesus, Leviticus 16-17; Hebrews 9:7.

Leviticus 16:11-28; Hebrews 10:12

John 17:4

### **2. Loneliness At The Cross:**

Matthew 27:46

Mark 15:34

"About the ninth hour" – would be 3:00 PM; there has been darkness for 3 hours.

"Jesus cried out with a loud voice," – The cry of Jesus could be heard.

"saying, "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" – Aramaic common language.

Jesus says "MY GOD, MY GOD." This is the only time in prayer that Jesus does not address God as "Father" but "My God." There is a break in fellowship!

Jesus Never Wavered In His Trust In God: "MY GOD, MY GOD,"

Psalms 14:1; Job 13:15

"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.

John 8:29; John 16:32

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

Abraham – Genesis 18:27

Job – Job 42:6

Isaiah – Isaiah 6:5

Daniel – Daniel 10:8

Romans 6:23

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 Him, but suffered the penalty for them!

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

Jesus was all alone, Separated From His Father. "WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?" – Sin Isolates; Sin Separates.

Genesis 3:8

God Has Never Forsaken Us: Hebrews 13:5.

These Words Of Jesus Reveal The Greatest Love In Heaven And Earth:  
John 13:1; John 15:13.

### **3. Blindness At The Cross:**

Matthew 27:46

Psalm 22 is the most amazing passage; 1000 years before the cross,  
Psalm 22:7-8; Psalm 22:18.

Matthew 27:47 – Jesus was not calling for Elijah, He was quoting  
Psalm 22:1.

Psalm 22:2

Matthew 27:48-49 – blind to the Scripture, blind to the Savior, blind to  
their own sin.

John 12:47-48

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 Him, 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.