

Christ's Word on the Cross: *Forsaken*

Mark 15:33-36

The Darkness

- From the 6th to the 9th hour
 - About Noon to 3 pm
- Some see it as the Father turning His back on Jesus

Forsaken

- On the Cross, Jesus took on the sin of the world (1 Pet. 2:24)
- Sin cannot abide with God (Isa. 6:5)
 - This is what keeps us from His presence (Rev. 21:27)
- Our sins were upon Jesus
 - God turned His back on our sin

“But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.”

- Jesus claimed that His arrest, crucifixion, and resurrection were necessary to fulfill God's revealed plan (Mark 14:49)
- Psalm 22
 - We need to see the whole plan
 - Mark's Gospel follows the layout of Ps. 22
 - See handout online

Elijah

- Perhaps a mishearing of “Eloi, Eloi”
 - Aramaic for “My God, my God”
- Elijah was thought to be an aide to people in crisis
- The Jews were awaiting his return as a precursor to the coming of Messiah
- Jesus tells His disciples that John the Baptist fulfilled that role (see Matt. 11:12-14)

The Suffering Servant (Isa. 53:4-5)

So What?

- On the Cross Jesus took on our sins
 - He died as the punishment we deserved
- Are we carrying around what Christ died for?
 - Or are we laying our sin at His feet and leaving it there?

Meditation Verse: 1 Peter 3:18