

Jesus on the cross: Matthew 27:45-54

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.”

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And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

At that moment **the curtain of the temple** was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the **tombs broke open**. The bodies of many holy people who had died were **raised to life**. They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the

Son of God!” **centurion = Roman officer over 60-160 men**

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The Big Idea

Jesus was abandoned by the Father

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A mystery that can be stated but cannot explained

Jesus is a member of the Trinity

- 1 being: God
- 3 persons: Father, Son, Holy Spirit

On the cross, the perfect fellowship of 3 persons in 1 being was temporarily broken

- Jesus chose to take our sin as if it were His own
- The Father abandoned the Son because of our sin

Because Jesus chose to take our sin as if it were His own, He chose to take the full effects of the Father's holy wrath as if He deserved it

A horror that we cannot fathom (fully understand)

- The greater the masterpiece, the greater the tragedy of its loss

sin = words, attitudes, and actions that are immoral or disloyal to God

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God made him who **had no sin to be sin for us**, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

But he was pierced for our transgressions,
 he was crushed for our iniquities;
**the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
 and by his wounds we are healed.**

We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
 each of us has turned to our own way;
 the Lord has laid on him
 the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:6b

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 righteous = moral and relational perfection

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The Big Idea

**Jesus was abandoned by the Father
 so we who deserve it yet trust in Him
 never will be**

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Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

**“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”**

So we say with confidence,

“**The Lord is my helper;** I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?”

Hebrews 13:5-6

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Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall **trouble** or **hardship** or **persecution** or **famine** or **nakedness** or **danger** or **sword**? ... For I am convinced that
neither **death** nor **life**, **terminal crisis of death or calamities of life**
neither **angels** nor **demons**, **supernatural powers**
neither the **present** nor the **future**, **what is now, and what is coming**
nor any **powers**, **whether people, institutions, nature, or beyond nature**
neither **height** nor **depth**, **merism: the extremes & everything between**
nor **anything else** in all creation, **in case he missed anything...**
will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ
Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35, 38-39

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The Big Idea

**Jesus was abandoned by the Father on the cross
so we who deserve it yet trust in Him
never will be**

**which stands proven by His rising from the dead
and being One with the Father again!**

We bow in awe and worship the Son of God who died for us

**We will trust and obey Him in any and every circumstance,
for He will never, ever abandon us**