

THE FORSAKEN CHRIST

MATTHEW 27

Text:

Introduction:

There have been some dark moments in the history of our world.

In creation when Satan was cast out of Heaven

In Egypt when death angel passed through

Here in our text when Christ died

1. Forsaken By the Father

A. Psalm 22 was fulfilled the hour Jesus died

B. Why was He forsaken? The Holiness of God

(Psalms 22:3) But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

(Habakkuk 1:13) Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest

thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?

C. God made Him to be our sin bearer

(2 Corinthians 5:21) For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

(Isaiah 53:6) All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Illustration

Teen boy who had to have surgery, and couldn't be put to sleep, Father stood by.

2. Forsaken By His Own Race

(John 1:11) He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

A. He being a Jew came to the Jew first

(Romans 1:16) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

B. He is still forsaken by the Jew

3. Forsaken By His Own Disciples

(John 6:66) From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

A. Disciple means "a learner"

B. Paul knew what it meant to be forsaken

(2 Timothy 4:10) For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

4. Forsaken By His Own Family

(John 7:5) For neither did his brethren believe in him.

(Psalms 69:8) I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children.

5. Forsaken By His Close Friends

(Mark 3:21) And when his friends heard of it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself.

A. You spend a few nights in prayer and folks will call you crazy.

Close:

Will You Forsake Christ?