

## **CRIES from the CROSS**

*Lesson Four • Matthew 27:45-46*

### **A Cry of Anguish**

Two Things Were Present from Noon Until Three in the Afternoon:

The DARKNESS of God's judgment on sin and the SILENCE of being forsaken by God.

*Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. And about the ninth Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Matthew 27:45-46 NKJV*

What Happened in Jesus' Cry of Anguish?

Jesus became my SUBSTITUTE on the Cross by paying the penalty for my sin.

*He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. 1John 2:2 NIV*

What Does Jesus' Fourth Cry from the Cross Teach Us?

## **1. God Is HOLY!**

*"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Revelation 4:8 NIV*

*Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; You cannot tolerate wrongdoing. Habakkuk 1:13 NIV*

**Why did God the Father forsake His Son on the Cross?**

Because Jesus became SIN for us and God's HOLINESS demands that He turn away from sin!

*God made Him [Jesus Christ] who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. 2Corinthians 5:21 NIV*

*We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6 NIV*

*Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." Galatians 3:13 NIV*

## **2. Sin Is UGLY!**

*Just how serious and ugly is sin?*

➤ Sin ALIENATES me from God.

*But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear. Isaiah 59:2 NIV*

➤ Sin OVERWHELMS me with guilt.

*My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear. Psalm 38:4 NIV*

➤ Sin CONDEMNS me to death.

*The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23 NIV*

## **3. Salvation Is COSTLY!**

*For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed His life, shedding His blood. Romans 3:25 NLT*

**The Good News Jesus' Fourth Cry:**

Jesus was forsaken by God so that we might be ACCEPTED by God and never forsaken as His adopted sons and daughters.

What Should Be My Response to Jesus' Fourth Cry from the Cross?

I need to TURN from my sin and TRUST Jesus to save me.

*We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. Romans 3:22 NLT*

I need to TELL others about the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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