

4—The Cry from the Cross

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INTRO:

I. → Mark 15:33-37

33 At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 34 And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

*→ 35 When some of those standing near **heard** this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah." 36 Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said. 37 With a loud **cry**, Jesus breathed his last.*

II. MISINTERPRETATIONS OF JESUS CRY:

- A. Jesus was abandoned by God at the cross—Arianism
Both the Father and Son share the same essence—homoousin
- B. Jesus' divinity left his humanity on the cross—Nestorianism
Jesus has once substance that is humand/divine—hypostatis
- C. Jesus' human nature had a crisis of faith—Eutychianism
Both of Jesus natures were part of one person—diaphysite

III. JESUS WAS ANSWERING THE PRAYER OF PSALM 22

Psalms 22:1-2

*My God, my God, why have you **forsaken** me?*

*Why are you so far from **saving** me,
so far from my cries of anguish?*

*My God, I cry out by day, but you do **not answer**,
by night, but I find no rest.*

- A. Heb (*azab*) leave, depart
- B. Heb (*yasha*) save, rescue, deliver
- C. Heb (*anah*) hear, pay attention, answer

BODY:

I. Our God Stays

- A. God never abandons us, it is we who go astray.
- 1) **Isaiah 59:1-2**
*Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save,
nor his ear too dull to hear.
But your iniquities have separated
you from your God;
your sins have hidden his face from you,
so that he will not hear.*
 - 2) **SIN ALWAYS BREAKS THE BOND OF RELATIONSHIP**
- B. Jesus' paid the price so we could be reconciled to God.
- 1) **2 Corinthians 5:20-21**
*We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.
God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in
him we might become the righteousness of God.*
 - 2) **ABOUT THE TIME OF THE EVENING SACRIFICE**
Grk (*eknéo*) expire

II. Our God Hears

- A. God is never too far away for Him to hear our cries.
- 1) **Psalms 22:24**
*For he has not despised or scorned
the suffering of the afflicted one;
he has not hidden his face from him
but has listened to his cry for help.*
 - 2) **HAVING MOLLY ALL THESE YEARS**
 - 3) **TURNING 55**

B. Through the cross of Christ, human and divine are reunited.

1) **1 John 5:14-15**

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him."

2) TELL HIM WHAT YOU WANT

III. Our God Saves

A. Jesus never doubted that the Father would hear and save.

1) **Psalms 22:19-21**

*But you, Lord, do not be far from me.
You are my strength; come quickly to help me.
Deliver me from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dogs.
[**Save me** from the mouth of the lion;
and from the horns of the bulls you have **heard me.**]*

2) TRUE GRIT—EVERLASTING ARMS

B. We are saved because of the finished work of the cross.

1) **John 19:30**

*When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished."
With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

2) HE DID NOT STOP SHORT

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Exodus 10:21-23

21 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that darkness spreads over Egypt—darkness that can be felt." 22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days. 23 No one could see anyone else or move about for three days. Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived.

John 10:18

"No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

2 Corinthians 5:20

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

1 Peter 1:3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 3:21-22

It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Ephesians 2:13

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Colossians 2:9-11

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness.