



I. Introduction

About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"— which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." John 19:28

II. The awful price of **SIN**

Last week we talked about **TWO ASPECTS** of God:

His **JUSTICE**

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

His **MERCY**

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

- Jesus did not die on the cross as a **MARTYR**
- Jesus did not die on the cross as hero standing against **SOCIAL INJUSTICE**
- Jesus died as a substitute **SACRIFICE** for the world's sin.

"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed."
Isaiah 53:5

"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

"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

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed." 1 Peter 2:24

Jesus was on the cross receiving the wages **DUE TO US**.

III. **GETHSEMANE** explained

He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch." Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." Mark 14:33-36

"And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground." Luke 22:44

IV. Jesus' question and **PSALM 22**

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?" Psalm 22:1

1. Jesus is quoting a **PROPHECY** about his crucifixion
2. It is a reminder to the **RELIGIOUS LEADERS**
3. It is met with **MOCKERY**

The question reflects one of the great penalties of sin is **SEPARATION** from God

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Sin creates **LONLINESS** - first time ever somebody was **TRULY ALONE**

V. I am **THIRSTY**

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. John 19:28-29

"I am thirsty" reminds us of:

- That fact that Christ was **HUMAN**
- The courage of his **EXAMPLE**
- The **INTENSITY** of Christ's suffering

That we can trust Jesus with our **SUFFERING**

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28