

Last Words of Christ “Why Have You Forsaken Me”

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February 26.....“Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.”
March 5.....“Today you will be with me in paradise.”
March 12.....“Behold your son, Behold your mother.”
March 19.....“My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?”
March 26.....“I thirst.”
Palm Sunday, April 2“It is finished.”
Easter, April 9“Into Your hands, I commit My spirit.”

Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?

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

“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.” - Galatians 3:13

*“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*

- Jesus says, “I will never leave you, I will never _____ you.”
- We may _____ forsaken, but we aren’t.
- He was forsaken so you don’t have to _____.

Why did Jesus ask God, “Why have You forsaken Me?”

1. Jesus _____ forsaken by God, He was merely _____ Psalm 22.

¹*“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
Why are You so far from saving Me,
so far from My cries of anguish?”*

²*My God, I cry out by day, but You do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.*

³*Yet You are enthroned as the Holy One;
You are the one Israel praises.*

⁴*In You our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted and You delivered them.*

⁵*To You they cried out and were saved;
in You they trusted and were not put to shame.*

⁶*But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by everyone, despised by the people.*

⁷*All who see Me mock Me;
they hurl insults, shaking their heads.*

⁸*“He trusts in the Lord,” they say,
“let the Lord rescue Him.*

*Let Him deliver Him,
since He delights in Him.”*

⁹*Yet You brought Me out of the womb;
You made Me trust in You, even at My mother’s
breast.*

¹⁰*From birth I was cast on You;
from My mother’s womb you have been my God.*

¹¹*Do not be far from Me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.*

¹² Many bulls surround Me;
strong bulls of Bashan encircle Me.
¹³ Roaring lions that tear their prey
open their mouths wide against Me.
¹⁴ I am poured out like water,
and all My bones are out of joint.
My heart has turned to wax;
it has melted within Me.
¹⁵ My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and My tongue sticks to the roof of My mouth;
You lay Me in the dust of death.
¹⁶ Dogs surround Me,
a pack of villains encircles Me;
they pierce My hands and My feet.
¹⁷ All My bones are on display;
people stare and gloat over Me.
¹⁸ They divide My clothes among them
and cast lots for My garment.
¹⁹ But You, Lord, do not be far from Me.
You are My strength; come quickly to help Me.
²⁰ Deliver Me from the sword,
My precious life from the power of the dogs.
²¹ Rescue Me from the mouth of the lions;
save Me from the horns of the wild oxen.
²² I will declare Your name to My people;
in the assembly I will praise You.
²³ You who fear the Lord, praise Him!

All You descendants of Jacob, honor Him!
Revere Him, all you descendants of Israel!
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.
²⁵ From You comes the theme of My praise in the
great assembly;
before those who fear You I will fulfill My vows.
²⁶ The poor will eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord will praise Him—
may your hearts live forever!
²⁷ All the ends of the earth
will remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
will bow down before Him,
²⁸ for dominion belongs to the Lord
and He rules over the nations.
²⁹ All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;
all who go down to the dust will kneel before Him—
those who cannot keep themselves alive.
³⁰ Posterity will serve Him;
future generations will be told about the Lord.
³¹ They will proclaim His righteousness,
declaring to a people yet unborn:
He has done it!" - **Psalm 22:1-31**

2. Jesus _____ forsaken by His Father. God couldn't look at the _____ Jesus was absorbing.

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?"). - **Mark 15:33-34**