

# “My God My God, Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me”

## All Scripture is KJV: Psalm 22:1

### INTRODUCTION: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO SAY?

This morning I would like to preach on a controversial topic and see what the bible has to say about it.

The age old question that almost everyone will ask is this.

1. Why did Jesus say “My God My God why hast thou forsaken me?”
  2. It’s a good question to ask because you don’t know the answer?
  3. It’s a question that goes pretty deep for those who are not familiar with scripture and for those who are not familiar who Jesus is.
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- ✓ What would your take be on this question?
  - ✓ What answer would you give?
  - ✓ And why would you answer in that way?

Well let’s take a look at the famous quotation from scripture to start with.

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**Mark 15:34** And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, **Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?** which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

**Psalm 22:1** **My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?** why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

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To understand the meaning we have to first go back and look what Jesus said to his disciples.

He said this.....

**Matthew 26:42** (verse 39 to verse 44 he prayed the same prayer three times).

He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

He also said this.....

**Luke 22:43-45 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>43</sup>And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

<sup>44</sup> And **being in an agony** he prayed more earnestly: and **his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.**

<sup>45</sup> And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow,

- ✓ If Jesus was not going to drink of the cup in His sinless human state, then he would not have been strengthened by the angel.
  - ✓ The cup he was to drink from was to bare the sins of the whole world.
  - ✓ It was not God bearing the Sins of the whole world it was in essence the Sinless son of God the Father bearing the Sins.
  - ✓ Remembers it was necessary for a sinless sacrifice to take place.
  - ✓ It was only possible if someone could be the “Sinless sacrifice” with which the Godhead would be well pleased.
  - ✓ **The blood that was to be shed was to be “real” true sinless blood.**
- There was only one person that could satisfy that offering for the sin of the whole world.
  - Jesus would become that sacrificial lamb spoken of by Isaiah and the David in the Psalms.
  - It was to be a prophecy that would eventually take place after the death of those prophets. But yes it would come.
- ✚ Both in the OT and the NT it was determined that Gods Son would be the only person to be found able to bear the sins through the earthly sacrifice that was required by Gods law.
  - ✚ The word the bible uses to satisfy the payment of all sin is the word “Propitiation”.

### **Romans 3:25**

Whom God hath set forth to be a **propitiation through faith in his blood**, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

### **1 John 2:2**

And **he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**

### **1 John 4:10**

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and **sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

- ❖ I found some information that helps explain to us the time line of the crucifixion of Jesus.
- Jesus Christ was crucified at the time of year near the spring equinox, when daylight and darkness are roughly of equal duration.

1. **He was hung on the cross (see Crosses) during the third hour (8 to 9 am).**
  2. Darkness come over the land during the sixth hour (11 am to 12 pm) and lasted until the ninth hour (2 to 3 pm) at which time the Messiah was *killed*, as a fulfillment of *all* of the God-specified rules for the Passover lamb.
  3. No bones were to be broken, death by shed blood, not strangulation, and to be actually killed, not found dead of itself - see *How Did Jesus Christ Die?* below:
- ❖ **"And it was the third hour**, and they crucified Him. And the superscription of His accusation was written over, The King of the Jews."
1. "And with Him they crucified two thieves; the one on His right hand, and the other on His left. And the Scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And He was numbered with the transgressors."
  2. "And they that passed by railed on Him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, Thou that destroyest the Temple, and buildest it in three days, save Thyself, and come down from the cross.
  3. Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; Himself He cannot save. Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with Him reviled Him."
- ❖ **"And when the sixth hour was come**, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.
1. **And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice**, saying, Eloi, Eloi, Lama Sabachthani?? which is, being interpreted, My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken Me?"
  2. "And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, He calleth Elias [i.e. Elijah; He was not calling Elijah, see *Eloi, Eloi, Lama Sabachthani*, above]. And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave Him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take Him down."
- ❖ **"And Jesus cried with a loud voice** [see How Did Jesus Christ Die?], and gave up the ghost. And the veil of the Temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom." [see Why Was It Torn?]
1. "And when the centurion, which stood over against Him, saw that He so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God." [see What Have We Done?] (Mark 15:25:39 KJV)
- So when we get back to our original question of why did Jesus say "My God My God why hast thou forsaken me"?
  - The reason lies on the Humanity of Jesus.
1. It would take a perfect person to be a perfect sacrifice.
  2. So we know that Jesus is that perfect person without sin.
  3. We also know that the God the Father cannot be in contact or seen by that person who has sin. So when Jesus dies on the cross he has taken on the sins

of the whole world and has “become sin”. (he who knew no sin, became sin for us). So at that time of the sacrifice, God the Father had to turn away from the humanity of His Son.

### **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.

1. Our sin was placed on Jesus, for the past present and future sin we would commit.
2. Jesus is waiting to take upon himself the sins of those who yet will believe.

### **Romans 6:18**

Being then **made free from sin**, ye **became the servants of righteousness.**

3. A Christian is free from the consequence of the eternal death that sin brings.

### **Hebrews 7:25-27 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>25</sup> **Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.**

<sup>26</sup> For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

<sup>27</sup> **Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.**

4. Christ saves only once to the uttermost.

So.....

1. When we consider the statement or cry of help from Jesus to His Father.....that indeed is what it was.
2. **This was a cry for His Father to help him.**
3. **He was forsaken, but not forgotten.**
4. **The help Jesus got was only from the angel.**

1. Therefore when we look at what the scriptures said about this event.
2. The famous quotation from scripture comes into play.

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3. In Psalm 22:1 it tells us that Jesus would one day be forsaken when he would become that sacrifice. Our course this is Jesus here in Psalm 22:1 predicting what actually would take place. That is why it is written in the third person tense, like he actually said in the NT when it took place. So in Psalm 22:1 he is actually saying it as if it is already taking place.
4. Then in Psalm 22:1 he actually mentions the words which would come true in the NT. These words in Psalm 22:1 are quoted as "**why art thou so far from helping me.**"
5. Well as we know. God could not help His Son in the Sinless sacrificial state for the reasons stated earlier.

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✚ Always remember this statement was when Jesus was in his humanity.

Prayer.....