

JESUS WAS FORSAKEN AND DIED FOR US

(“Surely he was the Son of God!”)

Mark 15:33-47

Key Verse: 15:34

1. What happened from noon to three in the afternoon (25,33)? What does the darkness signify (Am 8:9-10)? As he was dying, what did Jesus cry out (34; Ps 22:1)? What do Jesus' words “My God,” and “forsaken” tell us about him? How is this suffering related to us (Isa 59:2; 2Cor 5:21)?
2. How did some of those near Jesus misunderstand his cry (35-36)? At the moment Jesus died, what happened (37-38)? What does the torn curtain indicate (Heb 10:19-20)?
3. What role did the centurion have in Jesus' crucifixion and death (39a,44)? What did he see and confess (39b)? Why is his testimony so meaningful then and now (Mk 1:1)?
4. Who also watched Jesus die (40)? How had they served Jesus (41)? Why was their presence so important that Mark mentioned their names repeatedly (47; 16:1)?
5. Who was Joseph and what motivated him to boldly ask Pilate for Jesus' body (42-43)? How did Pilate confirm Jesus' death and why is this important (44-45)? What is the significance of Jesus' burial (46; Isa 53:9; 1Co 15:4a)? What does it mean that Jesus was forsaken and died for us (Dt 31:8)?