

Mt. 27:46

WAS CHRIST FORSAKEN BY GOD?

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, **My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?** (Mt. 27:46)

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?** (Mk.15:34)

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Intro: THE ARGUMENT FOR ABANDONMENT

- A. Jesus prayed "let this cup pass"
(Mt. 26:36-46; Mk. 14:32-42; Lk. 22:39-46).
- B. "Why has thou forsaken me?"
(Mt. 27:46; Mk. 15:34).
- C. Assert abandonment is necessary to make Christ's death a true sacrifice; emphasizes his humanity.
- D. Makes a dramatic picture of Christ's suffering which moves people to tears.

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I. LET THIS CUP PASS:

Cannot be abandonment!

A. "When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that **I am he**, and that I do nothing of myself, but as the Father taught me, I speak these things." (Jn 8:28).

1. "I AM" [ego eimi] (Jn. 8:24, 28, 58).

2. "I AM" [ego eimi] (Ex. 3:14 Sept).

His humanity was obvious to onlookers.

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B. "And he that sent me **is** with me; he hath **not left me alone**; for I do **always** the things that are pleasing to him." (Jn 8:29)

1. Why did God NOT leave Jesus alone?

2. Did Jesus ever STOP doing what pleased the Father?

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C. "Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: **and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.**"

(John 16:32)

1. Even when disciples were scattered (throughout His trial & crucifixion) Jesus would not be alone!

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D. "Faithful is the saying: For if we died with him, we shall also live with him: if we endure, we shall also reign with him: if we shall deny him, he also will deny us: if we are faithless, he abideth faithful; **for he cannot deny himself.**" (2 Tim.2:11-13)

"I and the Father are one." (Jn. 10:30, 33; 1:1ff)

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II. HOW DID THE CROSS SHOW HIS DEITY? **BY FULFILLED PROPHECY!**

- A. "I thirst" (John 19:28; Ps. 69:21).
- B. "My God, My God, Why..." (Ps. 22:1).
- C. "It is finished"
(Jn. 19:30; cp. Ps. 22:31 KJV).
 - 1. The Jews thought Him JUST A MAN & FORSAKEN BY GOD!
 - 2. But Jesus quoted Scripture for the purpose of CONFIRMING His Deity!
 - 3. Was Jesus truly *asking?* Or *teaching?*

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- III. PSALM 22 (v.1-21a – cry of anguish!)
 - A. Mocked (Ps. 22:6-8; Mt. 27:38-44).
 - B. Romans tortured Him – "Dogs"
(Ps. 22:16f; Mt. 27:27-31, 35).
 - C. Gambled for clothing
(Ps. 22:18; Mt. 27:35)
 - D. In this context Jesus quotes Ps. 22:1
(Mt. 27:46).
 - E. **Thoughts & views of mockers**
(Ps. 22:1, 6-8, 12-13).
 - F. **HOW CRUCIFIXION FELT (22:1-21a)!**

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III. PSALM 22

v. 21b-31 praise faithfulness!

A. God heard & answered

(Ps. 22:21b,24; Heb. 5:7-9)!

B. Lasted only 6 hours (Mk. 15:25, 34).

Crucifixion often lasted days

(Mk. 15:44)!

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IV. CAUSES & CONSEQUENCES OF ERROR

(Mt. 16:6-12).

A. When people assert that Jesus died in spirit as well as in body & say God separated Himself from Jesus...

1. Implies God forsook one who **NEVER SINNED** (Heb. 4:15; 1 Cor. 1:9, 10:13; 1 Jn. 1:9; etc.)!

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**2. or Implies that Jesus was a sinner
(2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 10:5-8; Ezk. 18)!**

- A body prepared... for what? Sacrifice!
- Hebraism "for sin" (Heb. 10:6, 8) = "the sin offering" or "sacrifice for sin"
- "Made to be sin" = made the sin sacrifice

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CONCLUSION:

DID GOD FORSAKE CHRIST? NO!!!

- A. Jesus was NEVER left alone, for Jesus ALWAYS obeyed God!**
- B. Jesus quoted fulfilled prophecy in order to confirm His Deity & teach!**
- C. Psalm 22 begins as anguish, ends as PRAISE!**
- D. God Is Faithful... Do You Trust Him?**

