

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

JUNE 16, 2021

MATTHEW 27:45-50

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Seven times, Jesus spoke from the cross. (Matt. 27.46; Luke 23.34,43,46; John 19.26-28,30)
2. **MATTHEW 27.45:** *“Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land.”* For a period of three hours, there a darkness. (Luke 23.44,45)
  - a) It was at the ninth hour that *“He breathed His last”* (Luke 23.46).
  - b) One of the last things Jesus said before He died was *“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”* (Matt. 27.46,50).
3. The words of Jesus reveal how much He was human, and how much He can sympathize with His people. (cf. Heb. 2.10,11,17,18)

### I. LAST WORDS

- A. **MATTHEW 27.46:** *“Jesus cried out with a loud voice”*
  1. “Loud voice” (megas phone): He projected His voice like a megaphone.
  2. *“My God, My God”* God is responsible for this. God allowed Jesus endure such unimaginable suffering. (cf. Isa. 53.10; Phil. 2.8)
  3. *“Why have you forsake Me?”*
    - a) “Forsaken” (enkataleipo): En – “inside”; Kata – “down”; Leipo – “to leave” Why have you left me when I was inside of a state of being down.
    - b) Jesus asked God to deliver Him, but God would not. (Matt. 26.39; Heb. 5.8,9)
- B. Jesus was not the first, nor the last to ask the question, “Why?”
  1. Job asked the question “Why?” (Job 7.20,21)
  2. David asked the question, “Why?” (Ps. 13.1,2)
  3. All of us have had tragedy come into our lives and asked, “Why?” (Ps. 90.10)

### II. THE MEANING BEHIND THE WORDS

- A. What did these words mean to those who stood by?
  1. Those familiar with the Old Testament would recognize these words as prophecy.
    - a) Only God can predict the future. (Isa. 41.42-44; 42.8,9)
    - b) In great detail, the death of Jesus is portrayed. (Ps. 22.1, 16-18)
  2. **MATTHEW 27.47-49:** *“Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, ‘This Man is calling for Elijah!’”*
    - a) The Jews anticipated the coming of Elijah as a forerunner to Jesus. (Mark 9.11,12)
    - b) Did Elijah come, and who is he? (Luke 1.17)
- B. What did these words mean to Jesus?
  1. Jesus uses Psalm 22 to express His feelings. (Ps. 22.1-7)
  2. Not just a psalm of tragedy, but also of triumph. (Ps. 22.21,22)
- C. What do these words mean to you?
  1. The death of Christ emphasizes the seriousness of sin. (Rom. 6.23; James 1.15)
  2. The death of Christ reveals the depth of God’s love. (2 Cor. 5.21; Rom. 5.6-8)
  3. The death of Christ the value of our soul. (Matt. 16.26; 1 Pet. 1.18,19)