

## SERMON NOTES

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**Date:** March 21, 2021

**Series:** Cries from the Cross

**Title:** The Cry of Desolation

**Text:** Mark 15:34

**Big Idea:** Jesus' cry of desolation demonstrates just how much sin deserves to come under God's righteous judgment and also how deep God's love is to spare us from it in Christ.

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# APPLICATION GUIDE

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## DISCUSS

Psalm 22 is an Old Testament lament that has a fuller meaning revealed in the crucifixion story. Compare it with Matthew 27:32-56 and identify the similarities between the two.

How does the resurrection of Christ fulfill the predicted vindication of verses 22-31? (Also see Psalm 16:8-11).

## APPLY THE TRUTH

Think of a time when you felt a sense of separation from God. How does Christ's separation in your place give you hope of restoration and renewed intimacy with your heavenly Father (cf. Romans 8:38-39)?

In what ways can obedience to God's will be a lonely experience for you?

How does Christ's promised presence give you hope and strength to continue living faithfully for him (cf. Matthew 28:20; 2 Corinthians 4:8-9; Hebrews 13:5)?

How can Christ's willingness to be forsaken by God so that you can experience forgiveness impact your commitment to maintaining biblical relationships with others, even those who hurt or offend you?

## COMMIT THIS WEEK

Jesus was forsaken so that through him, you could draw near to God with confidence and assurance (Hebrews 4:16; 10:19-21). What are you going to do this week to draw near to the Lord and seek intimate fellowship with him?