

# STATEMENTS FROM THE CROSS

Lesson #4 -Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me?

Scripture Reading: Mark 15:33-37

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## Introduction:

1. These are some of the most profound words of Jesus.
2. These words of Jesus cause us to be humble and to tremble.
3. What does this statement from the cross mean?
4. To understand the meaning of the statement, we must look at several things...

## I. LOOK AT THE GARDEN -Mk 14:32-40

### A. CONSIDER HIS ANGUISH -vs. 33-35

1. He was troubled and deeply distressed -vs 33
2. His soul was exceedingly sorrowful even to death -vs 34
3. He fell on the ground and prayed that the hour might pass from Him -vs 35

### B. HE WAS NOT TROUBLED OVER PHYSICAL PAIN OR DEATH

1. This would not have been unreasonable
  - a. Consider our modern day lethal injection
  - b. Contrast this with Roman crucifixion
2. Remember His teaching -Mt 10:28
3. Remember others who faced death without flinching
  - a. Paul -Ac 25:11; Ph 1:21; 2Ti 4:7, 8
  - b. Steven -Ac 7:59, 60

### C. THE CUP -vs. 36

1. Old Testament passages regarding:
  - a. "Let his eyes see his destruction, and let him drink of the wrath of the Almighty." -Job 21:20
  - b. "For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine in red; it is fully mixed, and He pours it out; Surely its dregs shall all the wicked of the earth drain and drink down." -Ps 75:8
  - c. "Awake, awake! Stand up, O Jerusalem, you who have drunk at the hand of the Lord the cup of His fury; you have drunk the dregs of the cup of trembling. -Is 51:17
  - d. "For thus says the Lord God of Israel to me: 'Take this wine cup of fury from My hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it. (16) And they will drink and stagger and go mad because of the sword that I will send among them.'" -Je 25:15, 16
2. New Testament passages regarding -Re 14:9, 10; 16:1; 18:6; Jn 18:11

## II. LOOK AT THE CROSS

### A. THE HORRIFIC MAGNITUDE OF THE CROSS

1. The horror of our sins
    - a. Sin destroys man's soul -Is 59:1, 2; Ez 18:20a; Ro 3:23, 6:23
    - b. There is nothing man can do on his own -He 10:4; Hag 2:8; Ps 50:10
  2. The reality of hell
    - a. Those not found in the Book of Life -Re 20:15
    - b. Hell is eternal punishment -Mt 25:46
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**B. THE GREAT GRACE OF GOD**

1. The question often comes, “Who killed Jesus?”
  - a. Jesus laid His life down for us -Jn 10:18
  - b. Ultimately, it was our sins that put Jesus on the cross.
2. “Freedom is not free” This rings true with the spiritual freedom we enjoy in Jesus.

**III. LOOK AT THE STATEMENT**

**A. JESUS LOST FAITH AND ONLY THOUGHT THE FATHER ABANDONED HIM**

1. Losing faith would be a sin -He 11:6
2. Jesus was sinless in all His ways all the time -He 4:15; 5:9

**B. THIS WAS A CRY OF VICTORY**

1. The statement is a quote from Psalms 22:1
2. While the Psalm begins in agony, it ends in victory -vs. 22

**C. CRY OF DESOLATION AND HEARTBREAK**

1. Those who hang on a tree are cursed -De 21:22, 23
2. Jesus became a curse for us -Ga 3:13
3. Jesus became sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God -2Co 5:21

**Conclusion:**

1. God turned His back on His Son so He would not have to turn His back on us; may we never take this for granted!
2. There is no one that is too sinful, who is willing to repent that God cannot forgive.