

*Words from the Cross*  
**Why Have You Forsaken Me?**  
Matthew 27:45-46

I. Darkness that is Telling (vs. 45)

II. Words that Express a Profound Mystery (vs.46)

*But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Is.53:5-6)*

*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Cor. 5:21)*

*Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole." (Gal. 3:13)*

*"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." (1Pet. 2:24)*

*For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. (1 Pet. 3:18a)*

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**Point to Ponder:** Was Jesus forsaken for me?

**Next Week:** Next Sunday we will continue our Lenten sermon series entitled *Words from the Cross*, by considering **John 19:28-29** "*I Thirst*".

