

WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?

ACCEPTANCE

MARCH 22 ♦ *Mark 15:33–39*

DISCUSSING GOD'S WORD

1. What are the words Mark record that Jesus spoke in this passage?
2. Why does darkness cover the land at this moment in the crucifixion?
3. Read Isaiah 53:3, John 1:1-12, 2 Corinthians 5:21, and Romans 5:6-10. How does the passage in Mark 15 connect and complete these passages?

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

1. We know from the Scriptures that Jesus had no sin. If this is true, how do we explain what transpires in Mark 15? Why was Jesus “cut off” from the Father, and how should we live in light of this?
2. What does Mark 15 teach us about the depth of our sin?
3. How can Mark 15 actually bring us hope?

PRAYING GOD'S WORD

1. Heavenly Father, helps us not to turn our faces away from the crucifixion of Jesus, but instead, let the awfulness of what was done remind us of our sin. Simultaneously, let it remind us of the depth of your love, and the cost of our redemption.
2. Help us to receive with humility, wonder, and gratefulness the righteousness that was secured for us through the cross.
3. Father, let the harshness of the crucifixion remind us of those who are perishing apart from Christ, and spur us to go and tell them of the hope that is found in Jesus.