

My God, My God

Forsaken and Killed

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, and say, ‘If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.’

“Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers’ guilt. Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation” (Matthew 23:29-36)

1. Innocent men and women have been knowingly condemned throughout history.
2. All had faults but were innocent of the charge.
3. Jesus was innocent of the charges as well as a sinless human being.
4. Pilate’s wife had a dream of Jesus’ innocence.
5. Pilate said of Jesus, *“I find no fault in Him.”*
6. Even God said, *“This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”*
 - a. Jesus was the Son of God.
 - b. Jesus was a perfect man as well as God.
7. The killing of Jesus would bring the judgment for all martyrs before and after Jesus.

“And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” (Matthew 27:46)

1. Some to be martyred were killed others were delivered:
 - a. Abel
 - b. The Hebrews
 - c. Daniel
 - d. Stephen
 - e. James
 - f. Peter
2. Most were forsaken by their parents, brothers, sisters, and friends.
 - a. They stood alone to be tortured and killed.

- b. Before Paul's death, he had been forsaken by all but Timothy.
- 3. None were forsaken by God, except Jesus (Psalm 22:1-6).
- 4. Others who cried out were delivered by God.
 - a. Israel pleaded at the Red Sea and saw deliverance.
 - b. Hezekiah prayed to God and an enemy army was destroyed in one night.
- 5. Jesus cried out when forsaken by His Father and got no response.
 - a. He was no longer righteous. He became sin – our sins.
 - b. Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
 - c. God could no longer fellowship with Him.
- 6. His first cry was, *"Father, forgive them."*
 - a. He had a relationship with God – "Father."
 - b. Now He calls His Father, "God," – the cry of a lost man.
 - c. Jesus was a worm (tola) not a man.
- 7. Jesus who had been righteous was now lost.
 - a. Only one other man in history faced this – Adam.
 - b. But Adam was guilty. Jesus was innocent.
 - c. Adam's sin caused sin to pass on all men.
 - d. Jesus accepted our sin so righteousness could pass on all men.
- 8. Jesus' last cry would be *"Father, into Your hands I dismiss my spirit."*
 - a. Sins judgment would be over.
 - b. Sins penalty would have to be removed after 3 days.

Jesus' Death – Our Redemption

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)