

FORSAKEN BY GOD!

"MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"

(Psalm 22:1; Matthew 27:46)

In Matthew 26:50-52, 56 we read:

Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him. And behold, one of those who were with Jesus reached and drew out his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest, and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword back into its place; . . . Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

In Matthew 27:41-43 the scribes and elders mocked Jesus and said, "He delivered others; He cannot deliver himself. He is the king of Israel; let him now come down from the cross, and we shall believe in him. He trusts in God; let Him deliver him now, if He takes pleasure in him; for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

In Matthew 27:44 we find the robbers who had been crucified with Jesus casting the same insult at Him.

In Matthew 27:45 it is recorded that from noon until three in the afternoon (from the sixth hour until the ninth hour) darkness fell on all the land. It must have seemed that the heavens themselves had forsaken Him!

And then about three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying,