

Lamb of God had become blemished with sin, He could not have taken away the sins of the world.

3. The reason He was forsaken was not because He became bitter, blamed God, or blasphemed against God in the midst of His pain and anguish.

In what we often speak of as the "last sayings" or "words" of Christ on the cross, there is not the slightest hint of bitterness, blaming, or blasphemy. In fact, we find just the opposite tone:

Concerning His executioners Jesus said: "Father, forgive them: for they know not what they do."

Concerning the repentant thief He said: "Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise."

To His mother He said: "Woman, behold thy son!" and to the beloved apostle John, "Behold thy mother!"

In the "saying" at which we are looking He cried out: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

He said, "I thirst."

He cried out with a loud voice, "It is finished!"

And He said, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

There is no bitterness, blaming, or blasphemy in any of these sayings.