



### Matthew 27:45-49 (NLT)

*At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

*Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah. One of them ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, holding it up to him on a reed stick so he could drink. But the rest said, "Wait! Let's see whether Elijah comes to save him."*

***My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?***

Matthew 27:46 (NLT)

#### **Forsaken:**

To quit or leave entirely; to desert; to abandon;  
to depart or withdraw from; to leave;  
to renounce; to reject; to refuse.

*Source: Dictionary.net*

**Have you ever felt abandoned, deserted, or rejected?**

#### **What causes you to feel forsaken by God?**

Most of what causes you to feel abandoned or rejected by God is a result of your own sinful behavior. That which isn't of your own making is usually a result of someone else's sin that directly affects you.

#### **Was Jesus really abandoned by God?**

Yes—for the first and only time in His life.

**Jesus knew the hurt and pain of being abandoned by others.**

- **Israel abandoned Him.**

*He came to his own people, and even they rejected him.*

John 1:11 (NLT)

- **His family abandoned Him.**

*For even His brothers did not believe in him.*

John 7:5 (NIV)

- **His friends abandoned Him.**

*Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.*

Matthew 26:56 (NIV)

### Why did God abandon Him?

He died for our sin—in our place—as our substitute.

*All of us like sheep have strayed away.  
We have left God's paths to follow our own.  
Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.*

Isaiah 53:6 (NLT)

### What does sin do?

- Sin \_\_\_\_\_.  
*He humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.*      Philippians 2:8 (NLT)
- Sin \_\_\_\_\_.  
*But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God.*      Isaiah 59:2 (ESV)
- Sin \_\_\_\_\_.  
*It's your sins that have cut you off from God.*      Isaiah 59:2 (NLT)

### The Bottom Line

- Jesus was forsaken that we may never be forsaken.
- He was forsaken for **one** moment that we may never be forsaken for **any** moment.

***Christ had no sin, but God made him become sin  
so that in Christ we could become right with God.***

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NCV)

### ANSWER KEY

- Sin **DESECRATES**.
- Sin **SEPARATES**.
- Sin **ISOLATES**.