

## **<sup>th</sup> Word Of Anguish: My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me (Matt 27:46)**

Of all the words spoken from the cross, surely these are the most profound

Here is the Spotless Lamb of God offered up & consumed in God's wrath

33 years Jesus had unbroken fellowship with the Father – now cast off

### **I. The Evil Nature of Sin and the Impossible Cost of Its Wages**

The cross makes all clear: evil nature of sin, hatred of Satan against man...

The holy nature of God, His unflinching justice, unparalleled grace

Sin excludes man from God's presence (2 Thess 1:9; Rev 20:4)

### **II. The Absolute Holiness of God and His Inflexible Justice**

1. Depravity of man: with wicked hands crucifying the perfect One
2. Wickedness of Satan: hatred against the sons of Adam, bruising the heel
3. Jesus gives up His life – no man takes it from Him, He lays it down
4. God's Holiness & Justice satisfied: His wrath upon Christ on the cross

### **III. It's What Caused Jesus Such Sorrow in Gethsemane**

▫ Let the cup pass from me...in agony, great sweat drops of blood (Lk 22:44)

### **IV. The Savior's Unflinching Faithfulness to God**

▫ Through the darkness of abandonment Jesus' faith firmly clung to God

### **V. Here is the Heart of our Salvation**

▫ God is Holy & just; God is love & mercy – therefore Jesus is our substitute

### **VI. Here is the Greatest Proof of Christ's Love**

▫ Jesus lays down His life for His friends (John 13:1)