

Third Sunday in Lent March 23, 2025

SERMON SERIES:

The Cross that Spoke
Understanding the Dying Words of Jesus

TODAY'S SERMON:

"My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"

St. Matthew 27:38-46 (New Revised Standard Version)

38 Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. 39 Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads 40 and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

41 In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 42 "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. 43 He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" 44 The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

45 From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 46 And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Sermon Notes

Today we will be looking at the Fourth Word from the Cross. I would like to share three things with you today as we reflect on the question that Jesus asked, and the question we all ask from time to time:

1. _____.

If Christ just appeared to suffer on the cross, how can He truly identify with our living on earth?

2. _____.

Christ on the cross goes through the darkness of human living to show us the light of salvation.

3. _____.

This cry from the cross represents how far God will go to demonstrate the power of His love and redemption.

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