

Scripture: The Law of God (Deut. 5) & Ps. 22
Singing: 259:1, 2, 4 – 123:1 – 60:1-5 – 184:1-3 – 232:1-3

A. The 3-hour darkness was not only in the sky: Matt 27:45-46

B. Yet Jesus' darkest day is also full of the brightest light

THE HOPE OF THE FORSAKEN JESUS

I. How was He forsaken? II. Why was He forsaken?
III. Why is He forsaken our hope?

I. How was He forsaken?

A. He was forsaken in a way we will never understand

1. How can Son of God be forsaken of God?

2. Yet the God-man Jesus experienced this is a real and fearful: Ps. 22:1-2

B. Jesus lost all connection with His Father in His deepest darkness: Ps. 22:12-13

II. Why is He forsaken?

A. The Father has chosen His Son Jesus to be forsaken for sinners (1 Peter 3:18)

1. On the cross Jesus experienced the worst rejection: Gal. 3:13

2. To understand 'why', we first need to step back into the Genesis 3 story

a. Place yourself in Genesis 3!

b. time to confess

3. To understand 'why' more, we need to think about 'God's two hands'

a. hand of justice: *Give Me payment*

b. hand of grace: *Forgive them their sins*

4. God's wisdom provided the solution: *a holy Jesus forsaken!*

III. Why is His being forsaken our hope?

A. In this 'forsaken Jesus' God opens door of hope for you

B. If you take your refuge & rest on this forsaken Jesus, then ponder sweetly the Father's answer on Jesus' piercing cry on Easter morning