

No Longer Forsaken
Mark 15:33-37

We come to the darkest, yet most beautiful moments of the crucifixion in **Mark 15:33-37**. In this passage the Son of God was forsaken by His Father for a very distinct purpose. The son of God was forsaken, bearing all our sin so that we would not be forsaken or bear the punishment for all our sins.

I. Framing the text and introductory comments

The cross speaks

Overview of Mk 15:33-37

The “CRUX”

II. Exposition

1. Foreboding darkness falls over the land, v33, *Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.*
2. The Son is Forsaken , v34 – Sin is atoned, v34, *And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” which is translated, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”*
3. The blind insanity of the crowd, v35-36, *Some of those who stood by, when they heard that, said, “Look, He is calling for Elijah!”³⁶ Then someone ran and filled a sponge full of sour wine, put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink, saying, “Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to take Him down.”*
4. He gives up His life, v37 – The Son finishes the work, v37, *And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last.*