

Series: From the Shadow of the Cross

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

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My _____ and _____ don't always match up.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). Matthew 27:46

Jesus was _____ by God the Father – so we _____ have to be.

Forsaken – to _____, _____, or _____ turn away from.

Amongst the pain of the cross:

- He was experiencing for the first time ever, _____ from His Father
- Proving He was the _____ who was _____ the Scriptures.

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the cries of my anguish?" Psalm 22:1

Why does God allow difficulty, tragedy and suffering to happen in my life?

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." James 1:2-4

Joy – A pervasive sense of _____.

CHALLENGE:

How would someone respond to this _____ if they were absolutely convinced God was always _____ them and _____ them?