

Seven Last Words

Substitution

Matthew 27:45-46

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Matthew 27 ⁴⁵ At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. ⁴⁶ At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (NLT)

Why did Jesus become our substitute?

1. **GOD IS HOLY.**

Revelation 4 ⁸ Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come. (NIV)

Habakkuk 1 ¹³ Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing. (NIV)

2. Our sin **SEPARATED US FROM GOD.**

Isaiah 59 ¹ Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. ² But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. (NIV)

1 Corinthians 6 ⁹ Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. (NLT)

3. Jesus took **OUR PLACE ON THE CROSS.**

2 Corinthians 2 ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (NIV)

1 John 2 ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (ESV)

What should be our response?

1. **LIVE HOLY LIVES.**

Romans 12 ¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God--this is your true and proper worship. (NIV)

2. Live a **LIFE OF GRATITUDE.**

Hebrews 12 ²⁸ Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe. (ESV)

3. **TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS.**

2 Peter 3 ⁹ The Lord is not slow to do what he has promised, as some think. Instead, he is patient with you, because he does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants all to turn away from their sins. (GNT)