

Only The Lonely

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Matthew 27:45-56

One of the most human of emotions is loneliness. Christianity teaches us that we were made for communion with the triune God and at best incomplete outside of that relationship. I remember being three and waking up from my nap to what I thought was an empty house. The fear of abandonment and being all alone reduced me to sitting down on the floor and crying. As a teen I sometimes felt the most alone in the crowd of my school's cafeteria. Loneliness and abandonment, the fear of truly being on your own against the world resonates with all people.

Now multiply to a near infinite degree the abandonment and loneliness that began to crush Jesus as the sins of all humanity came to Him on the Cross: "He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21, NASB).

The Father did not abandon the Son, but in that moment, when He became sin on our behalf, all Jesus could cry out was, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

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