

# **MAN OF SORROWS**

## **Matthew 27:46**

**We need to sense the lonely suffering of our sorrowing Savior**

### **I. THE LONE SAVIOR**

- A. CHRIST ALONE COULD BEAR MAN'S SINS - Matthew 20:28  
The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and give His life a ransom for many
- B. CHRIST TOOK OUR INIQUITY - Isaiah 53:6  
Each of us has turned to his own way: But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him
- C. CHRIST BORE OUR SINS - I Peter 3:18  
For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;
- D. CHRIST BECAME SIN FOR US - II Corinthians 5:21  
He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

### **II. THE LONE SON**

- A. SUFFERING GOD'S WRATH
1. God the Father cannot look upon the sin Christ is bearing - Habakkuk 1:13  
Your eyes are too pure to approve evil, and You can not look on wickedness with favor ...
  2. God must judge the sin wherever it is found - Nahum 1:6  
Who can stand before His indignation? Who can endure the burning of His anger?  
His wrath is poured out like fire and the rocks are broken up by Him.
  3. Therefore Jesus was smitten by God and afflicted - Isaiah 53:4  
Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted.
- B. SUFFERING GOD'S WITHDRAWAL
1. Christ's Forsakenness
    - a. The term means to be abandoned and indicates a profound separation
    - b. The Father's face was turned away and His ears were covered

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2. Christ's Cry
  - Christ silently endured the beatings and jeers of angry men; but He could not suffer this forsakenness in in silence ... and therefore cried out!
3. Christ's History
  - a. Always aware of the Father's presence - John 8:29
  - b. Always heard by the Father - John 11:42
  - c. Always counting on the Father - John 16:32
  - d. Always helped by God - Luke 22:41-43
4. Christ's Astonishment
  - a. From the One who loved Him - Proverbs 8:30, Matthew 3:17 and 17:5
  - b. As the One anxious to return home - John 17:4-5, 11, 13
5. Christ's Uniqueness
  - a. God didn't forsake others ...
 

- For Adam and Eve: A promise	- For Israel: The Red Sea opened
- For Noah: An ark	- For Shadrach and Co: Fireproofing
- For Abraham: A son	- For captive Israel: Deliverance
- For Lot: An angel messenger	- For Ruth: A Kinsman Redeemer
  - b. Yet here He forsook His Son
6. Christ's Relationship
  - Here offering a cry of great distress but not distrust: My God!

### **III. THE LONE SATISFACTION**

#### **A. GOD'S WRATH ASSUAGED**

1. Romans 5:9 "Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.
2. Colossians 1:19-20 For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

#### **B. CHRIST'S LOVE DISPLAYED**

1. Love will sacrifice life for a friend - John 15:13
2. Christ's love will even sacrifice for an enemy - Romans 5:8

### **CONCLUSION:**

**The Man of Sorrows came to give sinners salvation!**

**Christ was forsaken so that we could be forgiven!**