

Saying #4: Cry of Abandonment

Matthew 27:45-46 From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

The Darkness

1. A symbol of mourning

Amos 8:9 *“In that day,” declares the Sovereign LORD, “I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight.”*

2. A symbol of divine judgment

Exodus 10:22 *So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days.*

Plague 1: Nile to Blood

Plague 2: Frogs

Plague 3: Dust to Gnats

Plague 4: Flies

Plague 5: Livestock Die

Plague 6: Boils

Plague 7: Hail

Plague 8: Locusts

Plague 9: Darkness

Plague 10: Death of Firstborn

Darkness in the OT led to the lamb being slain!

1. A cry of distress, not distrust

2 Corinthians 5:21 *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

2. A cry of prophetic fulfillment

Psalm 22:16 *Dogs surround me; a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet.*

Psalm <u>22:1</u>	My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the cries of anguish?	About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice...“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me.”	Matthew <u>27:46</u>
Psalm <u>22:7</u>	All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.	Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads.	Matthew <u>27:39</u>
Psalm <u>22:8</u>	“He trusts in the LORD,” they say, “let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him!”	He trusts in God. Let God deliver him now if he wants him, for he said, “I am the Son of God.”	Matthew <u>27:43</u>
Psalm <u>22:18</u>	They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.	When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots.	Matthew <u>27:35</u>

Jesus evangelized His dying breath!

One of the best things to do when going through your darkest moment is to quote the Psalms!