



Last Word: WEEK 4

1. How does today's LAST WORD of Jesus impact you personally?
2. Have you ever been "ghosted" (abandoned) by someone? Maybe a childhood friend, maybe a one-time significant other, or maybe even a family member?
3. Read Mark 15:33-39. Jesus felt abandoned by God at this moment. Pastor Dan shared that in his estimation this didn't mean that the Father & Son were SEPARATED in their BEING. They were NOT DIVIDED in their ESSENCE as ONE GOD...it was more like a BREAK in their FELLOWSHIP, NOT a BREACH in their FUNDAMENTAL UNITY as God the Father, & God the Son. While he bore the sins of the world, his fellowship with God was broken (like ours is when we sin). SALVATION is AVAILABLE to YOU & ME, because we have GOD, our FATHER, who is a REDEEMING GOD who LOVES US.
 - a. What does this passage tell you about Jesus' heart?
 - b. What does this tell you about our need for Jesus?
4. **JESUS endured ABANDONMENT, so that we would never have to.** Have you ever felt abandoned by God? How does this message help you, or bring healing?
5. **Jesus knows what it's like to feel abandoned by God.** How does understanding that you can pray to the ONE who sympathizes with us in these feelings change the next time you are going through "darkness"?
6. Read **Psalm 22**. It's amazing that 2 millennia before Rome, King David wrote these prophetic words. Jesus citing the first line of this Psalm would have implied the entire Psalm to His hearers. What stands out to you in this Psalm?
7. **Jesus models to us Prayer and Worship in times of despair.** How have you followed his example in times of trouble? How can/do you imitate our Savior in times of darkness?
8. What is one way you feel challenged to put this week's LAST WORD into action in your life this week?

Final Thought

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