

Family of the Forsaken
John 19:23-27 & Matthew 27:45-50

I. Beneath the cross of Christ, believers become _____ . [Jn 19:23-27]

~ Jesus speaks of _____ . (cf. Mark 3:33-35)

~ Jesus speaks of _____ .

A _____ one another. (cf. Rom 14:1; 15:7; 1 Peter 4:9; 1 Tim. 3:2; Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:12-13; Rom.2:1-11; 14:13; Matt.7:1-5; Lk. 6:37-42; James 4:11)

B _____ one another. (cf. Rom 15:2; 1 Thess. 5:9-11; Phil. 2:3; Eph. 5:18-21; 1 Peter 5:5; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Gal. 5:13; Rom 12:13; Eph. 4:31-32)

C _____ in one another. (cf. Prov. 27:17; Ecc. 4:9-12; James 5:16; Ps 32:3-7; 51; 1 John 1:9; Matt 5:23-24; Luke 17:4; Rom 15:1-3; Gal 6:1-5; 1 Thess 5:11; Heb 3:12-13; 10:23-25)

II. On the cross of Christ, Jesus became _____ . [Matt 27:45-50]

~ A cry of _____ . (cf. Ps 22:1; Mark 15:34)

~ A cry of _____ . (cf. John 10:30)

~ A cry of _____ .
(cf. Habakkuk 1:13; Nahum 1:6; Isaiah 53:6; Matt 26:39; 2 Cor 5:21)



**ON THE CROSS, CHRIST BECAME SIN
THAT WE MIGHT BECOME FAMILY!**

For Group Discussion: “**Family of the Forsaken**” (John 19:23-27 & Matthew 27:45-50)

~ **On the cross, Christ became sin that we might become family!** ~

When you hear the word “family,” what comes to mind—and how has your experience shaped that definition?

- I. Beneath the cross of Christ, believers become family. [John 19:23-27]
 1. What does Jesus’ interaction with Mary and John reveal about the kind of family He is creating at the cross?
 2. Why is it significant that Jesus speaks of *relationship* while He is suffering? What does this teach us about God’s priorities?
 3. The sermon says that with relationship comes responsibility. Why do you think spiritual family requires responsibility—not just connection?
 4. Which of these comes most naturally to you—and which is hardest? Why?
 - **Accept one another**
 - **Build up one another**
 - **Confide in one another**
 5. What is one practical way you can live out ONE of these this week within this group or church? Be specific.

- II. On the cross of Christ, Jesus became sin. [Matt 27:45-50]
 1. What stands out to you about Jesus’ cry, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”
 2. The sermon describes this as a cry of *agony*, *separation*, and *substitution*. Which of these impacts you the most personally—and why?
 3. What does it mean to you personally that “Jesus became sin” (2 Corinthians 5:21)? How does that change how you view your own sin and your identity?
 4. Why was Jesus’ separation necessary for our acceptance into God’s family? What does this show about both God’s holiness and His love?
 5. Have you ever felt spiritually distant or “forsaken”? How does knowing Jesus experienced true separation for you reshape that experience?

Apply:

1. If we truly believed we are a “family of the forsaken,” how would it change the way we treat people who are hurting, struggling, or feel like outsiders?
2. What is one step you will take this week to live more like a member of God’s family—because Christ was forsaken for you?