‘Forsaken’

Mark 15: 33-34

On this Good Friday, let’s consider three questions about this cry of Jesus’ on the cross.

1. Who forsook Jesus?

The simple answer is EVERYONE.

Jesus was forsaken by His government, the institutional authority that should have protected Him as an innocent man.

Jesus was also forsaken by His own people, the Jews.

Perhaps from a human perspective, worst of all Jesus was forsaken by His followers.

But Jesus was also forsaken by God Himself, and it was this and this alone that drew out the anguished cry, ‘My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?’

It was CHRIST who was forsaken by God on the cross, not some substitute. The preaching of the apostles was always and only CHRIST crucified, CHRIST made sin, CHRIST offered as a sacrifice.

1. What does it mean to be forsaken?

To be forsaken is to be abandoned. But the God-forsakenness of Christ is much beyond our comprehension.

1. Why did God forsake Christ?

Christ was forsaken by God so that we who have put our faith in Him will never be forsaken. Christ was forsaken by God so that we would not have to be.