

My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?

Read Mark Chapter 15 v21-41

The Chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

- God created man to be happy
- For the purpose of loving God & choosing to serve God above all
- To do this he created us just (morally correct).
- We act justly when we serve & enjoy God.

Question: How do you respond to these statements? Can you think of examples of how you act justly in loving and serving God?

We all sin

- No-one passes through this present life without sinning
- No-one can attain happiness unless his sins have been forgiven
- We need forgiveness because we have sinned against God.

Question: Do you agree that happiness can only be obtained through forgiveness? Discuss

What is sin?

- o Sin is a disease of the soul –
- o It causes us to 'self-isolate' from the One, True, Living God!!
- o Sin is a pandemic: 100% of every person in the UK is infected.
- o Diagnosis - eternal spiritual death in all cases.

Question: How do you respond to this attempt to describe sin?

The antidote for sin

- The antidote for sin is God's forgiveness;
- It was won for us by Christ dying in our place (the penalty for our sin)

Question: How easy do you find it to recognise the enormity of your sin when considering the majesty of God? Give reasons for your answer.

The cry of dereliction

- **Look at** Mark 15 v 34 (the cry of dereliction)

Question: why didn't God just follow a strategy of #justletmeoff? Why did Jesus have to die? What was happening on the cross when Jesus made this cry?

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, we thank you that died for our sins. We thank you that you paid the price for our sins, so that our relationship with Father God can be restored. Help us to be passionate in our response to the Gospel, such that we have a burning desire to share the 'Good News' of Jesus with our family, friends and neighbours. Amen