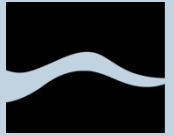


SERMON NOTES

TELL ME ABOUT HIS DEATH

Mark 15:33-39



BIG IDEA: The death of Jesus reveals that he truly is the Son of God who gave his life for sinners.

APPLICATION GUIDE

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

DISCUSS

When you first meet someone, what is one thing that can cause you to completely change your first impression of them?

Sometimes what we see at first doesn't tell us the whole story. At first glance, Jesus looked like just another condemned man dying on a Roman cross. But Mark shows us that the events surrounding his death reveal who he really is.

EXPLORE

What does the darkness in verse 33 communicate about what was happening as Jesus hung on the cross? Consider the Old Testament background of Exodus 10:21–23 and Amos 8:9–10.

What does Jesus' cry, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" reveal about what he was experiencing and accomplishing on the cross? How do passages such as Isaiah 53:4–6, 2 Corinthians 5:21, and Galatians 3:13 help us understand it?

What is the significance of the temple curtain being torn "from top to bottom," and how does the centurion's confession in verse 39 bring all these events together?

APPLY

Where are you tempted either to minimize the seriousness of your sin or to try to make up for it yourself rather than resting in what Christ accomplished?

When have guilt, suffering, or circumstances made you feel abandoned by God? How does Jesus' death give you assurance that those who belong to him will never be forsaken?

What keeps you from drawing near to God with confidence—guilt, shame, fear, self-reliance, spiritual apathy, or something else? What would it look like for you to "draw near" this week?

COMMIT

Because Jesus was judged so I could be forgiven, forsaken so I could be accepted, and died to open the way to God, will I trust what he has accomplished for me and draw near to God through him this week by _____?