

# EASTER SUNDAY

**Where was God when it hurt the most?**

**Did God turn away from me?**

Mathew 27:46

- *“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).*

**Truth #1 – This Was Not Abandonment**

Psalm 22:1

- *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?*

**Only divinity could pay the perfect price God’s ransom required and being separated from the Trinity at that moment would have negated Jesus’ divinity.**

Psalm 22:24

*For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; **he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.***

**The cross is a story that starts in pain but ends in redemption.**

**The Question we often think but maybe don’t verbalize:**

**“If He didn’t show up the way I thought He would maybe He’s not here at all.”**

**Truth #2 – The Cross Was Full Presence**

2 Corinthians 5:17-

*17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that **God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ**, not counting people's sins against them.*

**Pain → Protection → Patterns → Distance**

**Pain → Presence → Redemption → Freedom**

**The place you thought God left you may actually be the place He is closest to you.**

**Truth #3 – Sunday Rewrites the Story**