

# Jesus' Enemies Give Great Sermons

## Week 2: "Surely He Was the Son of God"

**Weekly Summary:** There are few names more notorious in world history than that of Judas, the disciple who betrayed Jesus to death. But when we listen to Judas' words and look more closely at his story, we realize something shocking—that we are all a lot more like Judas than we would like to admit! All of us have innocent blood on our hands, and there's only one way to wash it clean.

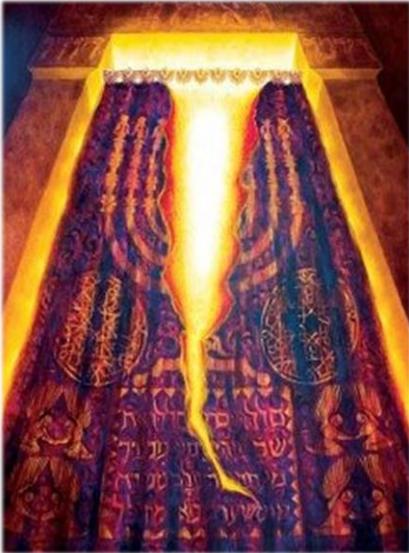


➤ **The Default Setting =**

- ❖ **Matthew 27:45** – From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land.
- ❖ **Matthew 27:46-49** – About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).<sup>47</sup> When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.”<sup>48</sup> Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink.<sup>49</sup> The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”
- ❖ **Matthew 27:50-53** – And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.<sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split<sup>52</sup> and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life.<sup>53</sup> They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.
- ❖ **Matthew 27:54** – When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!”
- ❖ **Daniel 10:6** – His body was like topaz, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and his voice like the sound of a multitude.
- ❖ **1 John 1:5b** – God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

❖ **Matthew 27:46b** – “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

❖ **Matthew 27:49** – “Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him.”



❖ **Matthew 27:51** – At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

➤ **Big Idea:** \_\_\_\_\_ has put an end to everything separating you from God.

❖ **Matthew 27:54b** – “Surely he was the Son of God!”

➤ Because the infinite Sufferer paid your infinite punishment, the Father is already \_\_\_\_\_.

## Digging Deeper

1. Why do so many people—including many Christians—view God as angry? Is there any truth in the statement? Is there any misunderstanding in it?
2. Read Colossians 2:9. What is the “dual nature” of Christ? Why were both natures essential to the story of salvation?
3. Is there something curious about Jesus' address of God in Matthew 27:46? (You can also compare this with Luke 23:46 and John 17:1.) How does this help explain what's going on here?
4. How could God forsake himself when Jesus was on the cross?
5. With the Temple curtain torn in two, the barrier between Holy God and sinful humankind was also torn down. In what ways do we enjoy the presence of God in our lives?
  - a. Colossians 3:15
  - b. 1 John 5:14
  - c. Romans 8:16-17
  - d. Romans 8:38-39
  - e. 1 Corinthians 3:16
  - f. 1 Corinthians 10:13
  - g. 1 Corinthians 15:51-57
  - h. Ephesians 1:7-8a

**Challenge:** Do you know anything who is trying to “break through” to God on their own? Share this message with them and invite them back for our Palm Sunday Service next week!

**Homework:** Please read Mark 15:16-20 to get ready for next week's message!