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Aim Of This Lesson—

For us to appreciate the ultimate sacrifice that was made on our behalf for our sins.

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***Scripture text:* --Mark 15:33-37 (*nkjv*)**

³³ Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” which is translated, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” ³⁵ Some of those who stood by, when they heard *that*, said, “Look, He is calling for Elijah!” ³⁶ Then someone ran and filled a sponge full of sour wine, put *it* on a reed, and offered *it* to Him to drink, saying, “Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to take Him down.” ³⁷ And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last.

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To appreciate the ultimate sacrifice God and His Son made on our behalf for our sins, lets look at:

- 1. The Statement on the Cross.**
- 2. What Does It Mean?**
- 3. Two things the Cross says to Us very clearly.**

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- The last three hours of the cross are different than first three hours.**
- Mainly quiet in the last three hours.**

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- **Two important things to notice:**
 - **Makes it clear that Jesus shouted these words.**
 - **Records the actual words of Jesus first, then gives the translation.**

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2. What does it mean?

“Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” or “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

- It is a cry of **SEPARATION**.

I Peter 2:24 *nkjv*

²⁴ who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

Isaiah 59:2 *nkjv*

² But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden *His* face from you, So that He will not hear.

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II Corinthians 5:21 *nkjv*

²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

I Corinthians 15:3 *nkjv*

³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

Galatians 3:13-14 *nkjv*

¹³ Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed *is* everyone who hangs on a tree”), ¹⁴ that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

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Matthew 25: 41 *nkjv*

41 “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

Mark 15:31 *nkjv*

31 Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, “He saved others; Himself He cannot save.

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- It is a cry of **SUBMISSION FOR OUR BENEFIT.**

Mark 15:38 *nkjv*

³⁸ Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

Hebrews 10:19-22 *nkjv*

¹⁹ Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

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3. Two things the cross says to us very clearly.

- **It is a call for us to *stop trying to justify* our sin.**
- **It helps us to see something about *how wonderful God's love must be*.**

The Plan of Salvation

Hear

Romans 10:13-17

Believe

John 20:31, Hebrews 11:6

Repent

Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30

Confess

Romans 10:10, Matthew 10:32

Baptism

Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38



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