



THE WORST QUESTION EVER

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Discussion Questions

Matthew 27:45-54

⁴⁵ From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶ About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”—which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁴⁷ When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.” ⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ⁴⁹ The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.” ⁵⁰ And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. ⁵² The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. ⁵³ They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus’ resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people. 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!”

When have you been blamed for something you didn’t do?
How did you react?

What do you see Jesus doing on the cross?
What is He accomplishing?
How?

How does reading this passage and visualizing this scene inform us about sin?
...more specifically, about our sin?

Why do you think Jesus cried this question from the cross?
What does it tell us about God?
...about Jesus?
...about ourselves?

What strikes you about the immediate impact of Jesus’ death?
What does this tell us about what happens in our life through Christ?