

MANAGER'S DESK FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2020

WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

TODAY IS GOOD FRIDAY. ON THE BILLY GRAHAM WEB SITE, SOMEONE HAD ASKED BILLY THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

What did Jesus mean when He said somewhere that God had abandoned Him? This has always puzzled me, because if Jesus was actually the Son of God, then how could God abandon Him?

BILLY'S ANSWER: You're referring to some of Jesus' last recorded words, spoken while He was dying on the cross. The Bible says that He "cried out in a loud voice ... 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'" (Mark 15:34).

What did He mean by this? Was He suddenly filled with doubt, wondering if He had misunderstood the mission God had given Him? Or was He filled with despair, concluding He was a failure and all His work was in vain? After all (some have said), the crowds had turned against Him, and seemingly His ministry had come to an abrupt end.

But in reality His words point to something far different. They point to the fact that when Jesus died on the cross, all our sins—without exception—were transferred to Him. He was without sin, for He was God in human flesh. But as He died all our sins were placed on Him, and He became the final and complete sacrifice for our sins. And in that moment He was banished from the presence of God, for sin cannot exist in God's presence. His cry speaks of this truth; He endured the separation from God that you and I deserve.

This is a profound truth—and yet it also should bring us great comfort. Because Christ died for us, we need not fear death or Hell or judgment! The Bible says, "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God" (1 Peter 3:18).

God didn't abandon Jesus, and He won't abandon you. Make Him part of your life today.

I TRUST OUR PROGRAMMING TODAY, AND THIS ENTIRE WEEKEND, WILL BE A BLESSING TO YOU. MAY IT POINT YOU TO THE CROSS AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO THE SAVIOR.

EASTER IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST CHURCH ATTENDANCE SUNDAYS OF THE YEAR. NORMALLY. AND I KNOW MOST OF YOU ARE EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GATHER ON SUNDAY MORNING. I INVITE YOU TO ENJOY THE EASTER SERVICE FROM MOODY MEMORIAL CHURCH IN CHICAGO WITH DR. ERWIN LUTZER AT 11:00 AM SUNDAY.

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