

## But God Raised Him From the Dead

And when they had fulfilled all that was written of Him, they took Him down from the tree, and laid Him in a sepulchre. But God raised Him from the dead—**Acts 13:29-30** “My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?” This is one of the vehement cries of Christ moments before He died on the cross as a sacrifice for the sins of all people (**Mathew 27:46-50; Hebrews 5:1-8**). It was a cry of distress and for deliverance after hours of torture, hanging on the cross, and thirsting though He was completely innocent of any wrongdoing. It was part of the purpose for Christ being sent to this world to undertake the pain and suffering of the cross. Let us consider this cry where Christ asked the Father—“My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?” In What Way Did the Father Forsake Christ? By not hearing Him? No. “Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared” (**Hebrews 5:7**). By ceasing to be one with Him? No. “And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, as We are one” (**John 17:11**). By turning away from Christ? No. “And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said, ‘Father, into Thy hands I commend My Spirit.’” (**Luke 23:46**). By not removing the suffering of the cross? Yes. “Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me: Nevertheless not My will, but Thine, be done” (**Luke 22:42**). In Asking “Why”, What Did Christ Not Know? That He would have to suffer on the cross? No. “From that time forth began Jesus to show unto His disciples, how that He must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day” (**Mathew 16:21**). The purpose for His suffering on the cross? No. “For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved” (**John 3:17**). The cause for His suffering on the cross? No. “For this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remissions of sins” (**Mathew 26:28**). Obedience by the things which He suffered? Yes. “Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered” (**Hebrews 5:8**). The cry of Christ is one of many things fulfilled from **Psalms 22**. Thanks to God “for He hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath He hid His face from Him; but when He cried unto Him, He heard” (**Psalms 22:24**). God answered the cry in that “God raised Him from the dead” (**Acts 13:30**). “And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him.” (**Hebrews 5:9**).

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