April 2, 2021 Lenten Devotional
Mark 15:33-39 – “Jesus Crucified”
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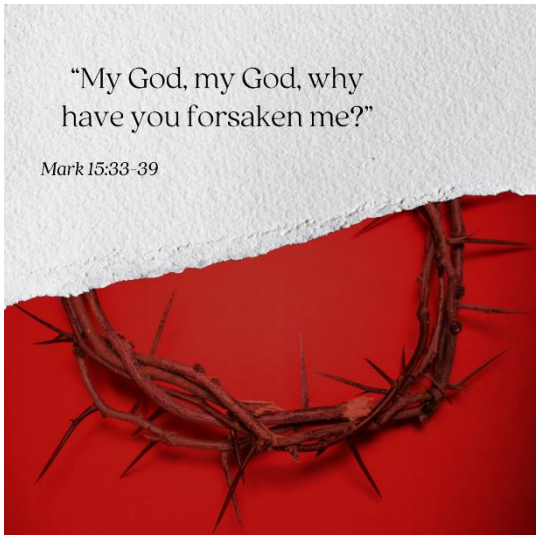
When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o’clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, ‘Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?’ which means, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, ‘Listen, he is calling for Elijah.’ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, ‘Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.’ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, ‘Truly this man was God’s Son!’

- Mark 15:33-39



Reflection

Today’s devotional is on Mark 15:33-39. These verses are of Jesus’s last moments when he called out for Elijah and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. It was not until that moment that they acknowledged him as the Son of God. I believe that we all have had moments in our life where it can be hard to see the true depth of our reality.

Many of the people in the crowd had doubts about Jesus. They were wondering if his claim to be the son of God was true. It can be difficult to see through all that doubt when we are surrounded by others experiencing the same feeling. Over the past year as everyone has endured this pandemic, I am sure we have all encountered a time of doubt. During these times we can put our trust in Jesus just as he put his trust in the Father to help guide us in times of trial. So, as you are going through the rest of your day look for ways in which you could shift your perspective on certain doubts you may be having into new possibilities you may be being led to. Jesus knows the path you are on and will guide you in the right direction to fulfill you in the end. His light guides us daily and will continue to guide us for all our life.