

# Echoes of Easter

Echoes of Abandonment



# Recap

Two things are needed in an echo, the sound and the reflecting object



# Recap

In times of suffering, surround yourself  
with community

In times of suffering, seek God's strength

In times of suffering, trust God, not the  
outcome



# Recap

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. Hebrews 5:7-9



# Easter Echoes

Triumphal Entry-Proclamation of a King

Last Supper-New Covenant

Mount of Olives-How to Suffer

All three will find there fulfilment on the cross



From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah." Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him." And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. Matthew 27:45-50

# The Cry is Not What You Think

*“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”* (which means *“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”*)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest. Psalms 22:1-2



# The Cry is Not What You Think

For the director of music. To the tune of "The Doe of the Morning." **A psalm of David.**

Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: jesus of nazareth, the king of the jews. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews." Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." John 19:19-22

# The Cry is Not What You Think

From noon until three in the afternoon darkness  
came over all the land

When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a  
smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and  
passed between the pieces. On that day the Lord  
made a covenant with Abram Genesis 15:17-18



# The Cry is Not What You Think

About **three in the afternoon** Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the **time of prayer—at three in the afternoon**. Act 3:1

## The Rest of the Story

In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” Matthew 27:41-43

But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. “He trusts in the Lord,” they say, “let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”  
Psalms 22:6-6

# The Rest of the Story

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." John 19:28

My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. Psalm 22:15

# The Rest of the Story

Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There they crucified him, and with him two others —one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet.

Psalm 22:16

# The Rest of the Story

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." John 19:23-24

All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment. Psalm 22:17-18

# The Rest of the Story

Psalm 22:1-18 is called “The Lament”

Psalm 22:19-31 is called “Deliverance and Praise”



Even in agony Jesus is teaching us



# Epilogue

God does not abandon those who cry out to Him

But you, Lord, do not be far from me. You are my strength; come quickly to help me. Deliver me from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs. Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen. Psalm 22:19-21



# Epilogue

Nothing is beyond God's reach

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him, for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations. vs 27-28



# Epilogue

The future is known to our Creator

All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—those who cannot keep themselves alive. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it! vs 29-31



But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honour because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. Hebrews 2:9-11