

# The Final Word: Despair

## Mark 15:34

Jesus' final words from the cross, concluding on Easter:

- Forgiveness – Luke 23:34 (February 11)
- Salvation – Luke 23:43 (February 18)
- Provision – John 19:26-27 (March 3)
- **Despair – Mark 15:34 (TODAY)**
- Humanity – John 19:28 (March 17)
- Redemption – John 19:30 (March 24)
- Easter: Hope – Luke 23:46 (Easter: March 31)

### Mark 15:34

*And at three Jesus cried out with a loud voice, " Eloi, Eloi, lemá sabachtháni?" which is translated, " My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? "*

Webster's Dictionary definition of despair:  
to lose all \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

## The condition of despair: darkness

God commonly used darkness in the Bible as a statement of \_\_\_\_\_. God covered the earth with his \_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_.

*Zephaniah 1:14, 15*

Darkness at the cross reveals the despair of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ our possibilities.

When we live without the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_,  
without a \_\_\_\_\_ for his \_\_\_\_\_, without a  
\_\_\_\_\_ to his \_\_\_\_\_, we live in the

\_\_\_\_\_ of despair, because then our sin is our \_\_\_\_\_.

## The company of despair: opponents

All of Jesus' opponents \_\_\_\_\_ him and \_\_\_\_\_ him. His \_\_\_\_\_ was a threat to them, so they lashed out and attacked him.

But through that encounter at the cross, a \_\_\_\_\_ came to conviction, a \_\_\_\_\_ would call him Son of God, and men from the \_\_\_\_\_ would bury his body in reverence.

\_\_\_\_\_ of the faith can become \_\_\_\_\_ in faith.

People today who turn from opponent to ally only do so through \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

The despair of opposition begins to \_\_\_\_\_ when people meet Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.  
When they meet \_\_\_\_\_, they meet \_\_\_\_\_.

## The conviction of despair: faith

What we think of as an expression of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ ("My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?") is actually an expression of his \_\_\_\_\_.

*Psalm 22:1, 7, 14, 18, 22-24*

When Jesus quoted the psalm of David's suffering servant, he knew not only the \_\_\_\_\_ of his human pain but also the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of his Father.

Despair only \_\_\_\_\_ when faith is \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus did not \_\_\_\_\_ God's presence, he \_\_\_\_\_ on  
God's presence.

Despair is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by faith's  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### **What do I do with this?**

When Jesus was suspended between heaven and earth, he quoted  
the words of David's prophetic psalm.

Although the psalm \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ of despair, it  
\_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ of faith.

*Feed your fears, and your faith will starve. Feed your faith, and  
your fears will starve.*

Max Lucado, Fearless, p. 74