

## Religious Myths vs. Bible Truths

We are all guilty of following them, like the blind following the blind and ending up in a ditch. But as we search the Word and hear by the Spirit, we uncover the real truths. It is then that we can distinguish truth from religious myth, as we do here.

The following religious myths are in no particular order of importance, but rather as His Spirit has brought them to mind, with the most current on top.

### **Religious Myth: The Father forsook Jesus on the cross.**

**Truth:** The Father did not forsake the Son on the cross.

The Father's plan from the foundation of the world was to have His son be made a sin offering to bring man back to God. It was part of His plan before Adam & Eve sinned and had to leave the garden. Jesus was well aware of this plan. Jesus explained this plan several times to His disciples. Jesus was also in full agreement with this plan. This was made plain in His garden test. He would follow the Father's plan to the cross. So where does this myth of the Father forsaking Jesus on the cross come from?

It comes from a very common & popular mistranslation as shown here:

*"46. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"*

*Matthew 27:46 New King James Version & most other versions*

To learn more about this mistranslation, see this verse under our section called "Bible Mistranslations." But for here realize that there is one translation that reads otherwise. It is the George Lamsa Translation. In that one it is made plain that Jesus was letting it be known that this was a time when the Father's plan to redeem mankind through the Son was being fulfilled. It was why Jesus was spared from accident, fatal disease, or murder so that He could live to see the day of being on the cross.

Some may argue that the verse above is quoting **Psalm 22**, which clearly is prophetic of Jesus' death on the cross. That is a great insight and we heartily agree!...except for the first verse of **Psalm 22**, which is also a mistranslation. We go into greater detail on that point in our "Bible Mistranslations".

Religious myths are often founded upon mistranslations. Sometimes the mistranslations resulted from translators that were swayed by religious myths. To make it even more challenging, we often find that various mistranslations throughout the Word are used to lend support for each other and its resulting religious myth. What we've shown here is a classic example of that very thing.

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