

Palm (Passion) Sunday
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Those standing near the cross of Jesus heard these words, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" How could Jesus - who is God - feel abandoned by God? Jesus took upon himself our sins and he experienced the worst consequence of sin: separation from God.

When we feel desolate, abandoned, defeated - when we wonder where God is - that is the moment to come to Jesus, come to the cross.

The cross is the truth about everything. Only in the cross can we make sense of human suffering. To the question of human suffering, we have only one answer - the cross.

The cross holds the code that unlocks the meaning of creation and human life. Jesus said, "Unless the seed falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a seed, but if it dies, it produces much fruit." Deep down you and I recognize that truth, We have to die, we have to embrace the cross, to find our purpose, to find the happiness we were made for.

The cross has everything: forgiveness, healing, strength, humility, patience, hope. The cross has it all.

When we come to Jesus, feeling abandoned, something unexpected happens: the cross unlocks the code - who we are, why God created us.

The cross reveals the depths of God's love.

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