



*The Easter Experience*  
**“Forsaken for Me”**

**Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our  
faith, who for the joy that was set before Him  
endured the cross, despising the shame, and has  
sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**Hebrews 12:2, NKJV**

# *I. Forsaken by the Father for me.*

**45 Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land.**

**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 27:45–46, NKJV**

*III. Jesus endured the  
forsaking of people.*

36 Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there."

37 And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed.

Matthew 26:36–37, NKJV

**Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death.  
Stay here and watch with Me.”**

**Matthew 26:38, NKJV**

**Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour?”**

**Matthew 26:40, NKJV**

### *III. Silence from God.*

41 And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed,  
42 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."

Luke 22:41–42, NKJV

*IV. Jesus will never turn  
His back on us.*

**For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”**

**6 So we may boldly say:  
“The Lord is my helper;  
I will not fear.**

**What can man do to me?”**

**Hebrews 13:5–6, NKJV**