

Psalm 22

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Psalm 22 A Messianic Psalm

His _____ (vv. 1–21). Because he was a prophet ([Acts 2:30](#)), David was able to write about the Messiah centuries before He came. Crucifixion was not a Jewish form of capital punishment, yet David described it accurately. As you read, see Jesus at Calvary: His cry to the Father (v. 1; [Matt. 27:46](#)); the period of darkness (v. 2; [Matt. 27:45](#)); the ridicule of the people (vv. 6–8; [Matt. 27:39–44](#)); His thirst and pain (vv. 14–15; [John 19:28](#)); His pierced hands and feet (v. 16; [Luke 24:39](#)); and the gambling for His clothes (v. 18; [John 19:23–24](#)). Remember, He endured all of these things as an innocent sufferer on your behalf ([2 Cor. 5:21](#)).

His _____ (vv. 22–26). In these verses the Messiah no longer is suffering but is alive and in the midst of His people, leading them in praise for the mighty victory God has won ([Heb. 2:11–12](#)). Note that the Singing Savior joins us in worship! The first day of the week is the memorial to His resurrection, and we follow His example by meeting with God’s people along with Jesus as we praise Yahweh together. Resurrection day is victory day!

His _____ (vv. 27–31). The Messiah shares the resulting blessings of His obedient suffering with His church (v. 22), with Israel (v. 23), and now with the whole world (vv. 27–31). The psalm even contains an exhortation that we must get the message out to every nation that Messiah Jesus is Savior and King (v. 27). “May all peoples be blessed in him and all nations call him blessed” ([Ps. 72:17](#)).¹

It is not difficult to see the _____ of this chapter in the NT story of the cross:

- v. 1—[Matt. 27:46](#); [Mark 15:34](#)—Christ _____ these words
- v. 2—Alternate light and _____; [Matt. 27:45](#)
- vv. 6–8—The _____ of the people; [Matt. 27:39–44](#)
- vv. 11–12—No help was _____ Him; [Matt. 26:56](#)
- v. 16—His hands and feet _____; [Matt. 27:35](#)
- v. 17—People _____ at Him; [Luke 23:35](#)
- v. 18—Gambling for His _____; [John 19:23–24](#)

“Why?” (22:1) David merely felt _____ by God, but Christ was literally _____ by Him. In history’s most awesome moment God the Father withdrew His presence from the Son; the Holy One isolated Himself from one who at that instant in time became sin for us.¹

How does this apply to us today?

The suffering of Christ on the Cross was _____ for our Salvation.

We remember the awful _____ that the Father paid.

We praise and thank our God for His _____.

Jesus _____ the pain we face in this life, to a much greater degree.

We reflect on our own _____ with our Savior.