

## **“Jesus – The Suffering King”**

“My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?” Psalm 22:1a (HCSB)

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**Text:** Psalm 22

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**As we look at the cross through this prophetic Psalm...**

- 1) Experience the Messiah on the \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 1-20)
  - a. The words Jesus spoke on the cross are here.
    - i. “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me” (vs. 1; Matthew 27:46)
    - ii. His tongue clinging to his jaws (vs. 15; “I thirst” John 19:28)
    - iii. “He has done it” (vs. 31; connects to “It is finished” John 18:30)
  - b. The reason Jesus was on the Cross is here.
    - i. It is found in the phrase “but you are holy” (vs. 3)
    - ii. Jesus cried out, ‘My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?’ for a very simple and obvious reason. He was forsaken of God while he was there on the cross. And why was he forsaken of God? He was taking the place of sinners. He was ‘made’ sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Cor. 5:21). He was bearing our penalty.
  - c. The Sufferings Jesus endured on the Cross are here. (6-8)
    - i. Verses 6-8 clearly correspond to Matthew 27:41-43)
    - ii. Verse 16 “They pierced my hands and my feet) A phrase that is clearly associated with crucifixion.
      1. This was written 1000 years before Jesus and 600 years before crucifixion was invented by the Persians.
  - d. Those who crucified Jesus are here.
    - i. Who really crucified Jesus?
      1. “Dogs” in verse 16 was a phrase that the Jews used for Gentiles. (The Romans)
      2. The hand of God is hinted at in verse 15. “You put me in the dust of death”
        - a. The precision of this statement is borne out by other Scriptures. The apostle Paul says God ‘set forth’ his Son as a

**'propitiation' for our sins (Rom. 3:25). It was God who refused to spare his Son, but rather 'delivered him up for us all' (Rom. 8:32). It was God who was 'pleased' to 'bruise' the Lord Jesus and put him to 'grief' (Isa. 53:10). Yes, it was God who sent his Son to the cross.<sup>1</sup>**

**2) Exult in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Cross. (vs. 21-31)**

- a. In the verses that remain the Messiah rejoices that his death on the cross was not in vain, but that it achieved its purpose. Because of that death he now has 'brethren' to whom the name of God can be declared (v. 22). The author of Hebrews relates this portion of the psalm to all those who know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. He says Christ is 'not ashamed' to call those who know him his 'brethren' (Heb. 2:10–12).**
- b. Furthermore, because of his death on the cross the Messiah rejoices in the poor being able to eat and be satisfied (v. 26). Because of his death they can eat of the gospel feast and be satisfied with the knowledge their sins are forgiven and they can, therefore, stand without fear in the presence of the holy God.**
- c. The Messiah also rejoices in 'all ends of the earth' turning to him. His death on the cross was not just for one nation but for people of all nations, and it will finally issue in the redemption of a multitude. (Rev. 5:9)**
- d. Finally, the Messiah rejoices in the knowledge that 'a posterity' will serve him. Each generation will have those whom he purchased with his own blood to tell those in the generation following them of what he has done (vv. 30–31).**

**FOR FURTHER STUDY**

1. Read Isaiah 53. In what ways did Jesus' death on the cross fulfill this prophecy?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 2:2 and Galatians 6:14. What was Paul's attitude towards the cross?

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<sup>1</sup> Roger Ellsworth, *Opening Up Psalms* (Leominster: Day One Publications, 2006), 197.