

## **PASSION PSALM: THE SUFFERING OF CHRIST**

### **Psalm 22.1-21**

*Jesus took the twelve aside and told them, 'We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.' The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about.*  
Luke 18.31-34; 24.25-27, 44-49

#### **Years after the death of Jesus, Paul explained his death in this way:**

*"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."* 2 Corinthians 5.18, 21;  
Isaiah 53.4-6

#### **Psalm 22 draws us nearer to the death of Christ. The psalm is indisputable, its relation to his dying unquestioned.**

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| 22.1 | <i>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?<br/>Why are you so far from saving me,<br/>so far from the words of my groaning?</i>           | Matthew 27.46; Mark 15.34                                   |
| v.2  | <i>O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,<br/>by night, and am not silent.</i>  |   |
| v.3  | <i>Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;<br/>you are the praise of Israel.</i>   |   |
| v.4  | <i>In you our fathers put their trust;<br/>they trusted and you delivered them.</i>   |   |
| v.5  | <i>They cried to you and were saved;<br/>in you they trusted and were not disappointed.</i>   |   |
| v.6  | <i>But I am a worm and not a man,<br/>scorned by men and despised by the people.</i>  | Isaiah 52.14  |
| v.7  | <i>All who see me mock me;<br/>they hurl insults, shaking their heads:</i>  |   |
| v.8  | <i>'He trusts in the LORD;<br/>let the LORD rescue him.<br/>Let him deliver him,<br/>since he delights in him.'</i>                         | Matthew 27.42-43; Mark 15.31                                |
| v.9  | <i>Yet you brought me out of the womb;<br/>you made me trust in you<br/>even at my mother's breast.</i>                                     | Luke 1.48   |
| v.10 | <i>From birth I was cast upon you;<br/>from my mother's womb you have been my God.</i>  |   |
| v.11 | <i>Do not be far from me,<br/>for trouble is near<br/>and there is no one to help.</i>  |   |
| v.12 | <i>Many bulls surround me;<br/>strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.</i>  |   |
| v.13 | <i>Roaring lions tearing their prey<br/>open their mouths wide against me.</i>  |   |
| v.14 | <i>I am poured out like water,<br/>and all my bones are out of joint.<br/>My heart has turned to wax;<br/>it has melted away within me.</i> |   |
| v.15 | <i>My strength is dried up like a potsherd,<br/>and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;<br/>you lay me in the dust of death.</i>      | Matthew 27.48; John 19.28-30                                |
| v.16 | <i>Dogs have surrounded me;<br/>a band of evil men has encircled me,<br/>they have pierced my hands and my feet.</i>                        | Luke 23.34; John 19.23-24<br>Mark 15.29-32<br>John 20.26-27 |
| v.17 | <i>I can count all my bones;<br/>people stare and gloat over me.</i>  |   |
| v.18 | <i>They divide my garments among them<br/>and cast lots for my clothing.</i>  | Matthew 27.35; Mark 15.24<br>Luke 23.34; John 19.23-24      |
| v.19 | <i>But you, O LORD, be not far off;<br/>O my Strength, come quickly to help me.</i>   | Luke 23.46  |
| v.20 | <i>Deliver my life from the sword,<br/>my precious life from the power of the dogs.</i>   |   |
| v.21 | <i>Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;<br/>save me from the horns of the wild oxen.</i>  |   |