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| **SERIES** | Where is Jesus? (He’s been there all along) |
| **BIBLE** | Psalms 22 |
| **TITLE** | #1: Jesus in the Psalms — The Messiah |
| **OVERVIEW** | All throughout the Old Testament, there are references to Jesus as the Messiah, but there is none so detailed and graphic as Psalms 22 that depicts in detail what Jesus would go through as He was Crucified on the Cross. Written 1000 years before even crucifixion was invented by the Romans. David, inspired and led by the Holy Spirit wrote graphically about the death of Jesus Christ. |
| **SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN** | Psalm 22 is the first and greatest of what we call the passional psalms. New Testament writers' quotation of this Psalm makes it clear they believed that this Davidic psalm pointed forward to Jesus. The description of the suffering here transcends anything which might have befallen David personally.   * **OUR MESSIAH’S CRUCIFIXION (v. 1-21)**   William MacDonald, in his commentary on this Psalm, writes: “Approach this Psalm with the utmost solemnity and reverence, because you have probably never stood on holier ground before. You have come to Golgotha where the Good Shepherd is giving His life for the sheep. For three hours the earth has been enveloped in thick darkness. Now “Immanuel’s orphaned cry” echoes through the universe: “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”   * + His Suffering was truly from God (v. 1-5)     - Jesus quoting this Psalm was tying this historical event to this prophetic Psalm.   + His Suffering was inflicted by Man (v. 22:6b-18)     - He is scorned and despised (22:6)     - He is mocked and insulted (22-7-8)     - He is viciously attacked by his enemies (22:12-13, 16)     - His life is poured out like water (22:14)     - His bones are out of joint (22:14, 17)     - His heart is melted like wax (22:14)     - His strength is totally dried up (22:15)     - His hands and feet are pierced (22:16)     - His clothes are divided up and gambled for (22:18)   + His was diabolical from Satan (v (19-21a)     - Jesus refers to three enemies in this passage: the dogs, the lion, and the wild ox.       * Dogs most likely the Roman soldiers who carried out the execution       * Lion is representation of Satan himself (1 Pet. 5:8)       * Wild Ox picture of crucifixion itself   + ILLUS. The Auroch was a huge wild ox that stood six feet tall at the shoulder that roamed throughout Europe, Asia and North Africa. Picture a Texan Longhorn and you’ve got a picture of what they looked like. In the near east, the Auroch was often used as a means of torturing and executing a person. Condemned victims, were bound, impaled upon the sharp horns and then the ox was released into the desert to run about until the man died * **OUR MESSIAH’S GLORIOUS TRIUMPH (v. 22-31**   James Boice, in his commentary on this Psalm, writes: “The second half of Psalm 22is a throbbing, soaring anticipation of the expanding proclamation of the gospel and of the growing and triumphant Christian church.”   * Psalm 22 speaks of God’s Glorious Grace   **Psalms 22:22-25**  "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him. From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him."   * This Grace is going to bring many sons to glory   **Hebrews 2:9-12**  "But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”   * Some scholars believe that the Great Commission is also represented in this Psalm.   + My brothers – Jews (v. 22-24)   + The Great Assembly – Jews and Gentiles (v. 25-29)   + Future Generations – to all people (v. 30) |
| **GOSPEL** | Jesus death was predicted way before it actually happened. His work on the Cross was for you and me. His suffering was what made the way for God’s wrath to be appeased and for us to be forgiven and brought into that relationship with God through Jesus Christ our Messiah. Will you trust Him. “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” **2 Cor. 5:21** |
| **NEXT**STEPS |  |

Notes: Our goal is NOT to try and put Jesus “visibly” into places in the OT where He is not explicitly stated, or to try and see Him physically in every verse. But instead, we see some of the places where He is actually seen physically, and we use the New Testament to give us an understanding of the reality of where He was during the verses of the Old Testament. Our goal is not to swing too far in either extreme, but to have a true understanding of Jesus.

Additional resources: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qgmf8bHayXw>

**Psalms 22**

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
    Why are you so far from saving me,  
    so far from my cries of anguish?****2****My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,  
    by night, but I find no rest.[*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalms+22&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14207b)*]*

***3****Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;  
    you are the one Israel praises.[*[*c*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalms+22&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14208c)*]****4****In you our ancestors put their trust;  
    they trusted and you delivered them.****5****To you they cried out and were saved;  
    in you they trusted and were not put to shame.*

***6****But I am a worm and not a man,  
    scorned by everyone, despised by the people.****7****All who see me mock me;  
    they hurl insults, shaking their heads.****8****“He trusts in the Lord,” they say,  
    “let the Lord rescue him.  
Let him deliver him,  
    since he delights in him.”*

***9****Yet you brought me out of the womb;  
    you made me trust in you, even at my mother’s breast.****10****From birth I was cast on you;  
    from my mother’s womb you have been my God.*

***11****Do not be far from me,  
    for trouble is near  
    and there is no one to help.*

***12****Many bulls surround me;  
    strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.****13****Roaring lions that tear their prey  
    open their mouths wide against me.****14****I am poured out like water,  
    and all my bones are out of joint.  
My heart has turned to wax;  
    it has melted within me.****15****My mouth[*[*d*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalms+22&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14220d)*] is dried up like a potsherd,  
    and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
    you lay me in the dust of death.*

***16****Dogs surround me,  
    a pack of villains encircles me;  
    they pierce[*[*e*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalms+22&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14221e)*] my hands and my feet.****17****All my bones are on display;  
    people stare and gloat over me.****18****They divide my clothes among them  
    and cast lots for my garment.*

***19****But you, Lord, do not be far from me.  
    You are my strength; come quickly to help me.****20****Deliver me from the sword,  
    my precious life from the power of the dogs.****21****Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;  
    save me from the horns of the wild oxen.*

***22****I will declare your name to my people;  
    in the assembly I will praise you.****23****You who fear the Lord, praise him!  
    All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!  
    Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!****24****For he has not despised or scorned  
    the suffering of the afflicted one;  
he has not hidden his face from him  
    but has listened to his cry for help.*

***25****From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;  
    before those who fear you[*[*f*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalms+22&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14230f)*] I will fulfill my vows.****26****The poor will eat and be satisfied;  
    those who seek the Lord will praise him—  
    may your hearts live forever!*

***27****All the ends of the earth  
    will remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations  
    will bow down before him,****28****for dominion belongs to the Lord  
    and he rules over the nations.*

***29****All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;  
    all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—  
    those who cannot keep themselves alive.****30****Posterity will serve him;  
    future generations will be told about the Lord.****31****They will proclaim his righteousness,  
    declaring to a people yet unborn:  
    He has done it!*