

Psalm of the Cross
Psalm 22:1-8

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I. The cross predicted through King David. *Psalm 22:1-5*

This *Psalm*, written by David is known as the *Psalm of the Cross*; Jesus actually _____ this *Psalm* which was written hundreds of years prior, while He was on the cross.

1. My God, My God. *Psalm 22:1*

The title Jesus uses here is the strongest title for God; “*EI*” which means “The _____ God!” ***2 Corinthians 5:21***

- “*Oh that we could imitate this cleaving to an _____ God!*” C.H. Spurgeon

2. I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear. *Psalm 22:2-3*

God’s timing is perfect and even though Jesus would have to endure this time of pain, the Father is _____ working out His eternal plan of salvation.

- The _____ is proof that Jesus is who He said He is; and His great love for you will last forever.

3. Past times of faithfulness. *Psalm 22:4-5*

Faith is _____ the Lord, especially through the darkest hours of life. ***Hebrews 11:1***

- “*I have not lost faith in God. I have moments of anger and protest. Sometimes I've been _____ to Him for that reason.*” (Wiesel)

Never let the timing of a situation or trial change your mind or _____ your faith about God’s faithfulness.

II. Science and faith intersect at the Cross. *Psalm 22:6-8*

Strong’s Concordance 8348; (תולע), _____ [coccus ilicis] means; *crimson, purple, or the dye made from the dried body of the female worm.*

- 1. At the appointed time from God the Father, Jesus willingly took Calvary’s tree to _____ His family, the church.**
- 2. Jesus is now covering our sin and protecting us for eternity. *Isaiah 54:17, Psalm 32:7***
- 3. Jesus shed His blood and _____ all of my sin.**

- 4. Jesus sacrificed His life on a tree so that his children might be washed with His _____ (Tola) blood and their sins become white as snow. *Isaiah 1:18***

III. Practical Application.

The Resurrection of Christ provides _____ for you.

- The _____ of Jesus is proof that He is able to blot out your sins and give you new life.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week’s sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

- 1. David did not shrink back from asking tough "why" questions. Neither did Jesus in quoting *verse 1 (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34)*. What were David and Jesus experiencing at the time they prayed this prayer? ***Psalm 22: 1-2, 6-8*****
- 2. *The Gospel of Matthew* applied this *Psalm* to Jesus (***Matthew 27:35, 39, 43 and 46***). In what ways does ***Psalm 22*** fit the circumstances of Jesus' crucifixion?**
- 3. At what ways can you identify with King David or with Jesus?**
- 4. What is the importance of remembering God’s faithfulness in times of trouble? ***Psalm 22:4-5, Psalm 40:1-2, Isaiah 49:23, Hebrews 11:1*****
- 5. Discuss the Tola (*crimson, coccus ilicis*) worm’s lifecycle.**
- 6. Discuss the Practical Applications of this sermon.**