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Psalm 22: God's Deliberate Plan

What about the crucifixion? Was it planned? Did the Lord know it was coming? Did Jesus know when he rode in on a young donkey into Jerusalem the week before that things would end up as this?



This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. (Acts 2:23-24)



Suffering of David in 1000 BC



The crucifixion of Jesus



Timeline

Psalm 22 is written in 1000 BC.

Persians invent crucifixion in 519 B.C.

Romans start crucifying slaves and pirates around 200-300 B.C.

Romans take over controlling the area of Jerusalem in 9 AD.

Jesus handed over to be crucified in approximately 33 AD.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Psalm 22:1)

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About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”). (Matthew 27:46)

All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

“He trusts in the Lord,” they say, “let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.” (Psalm 22:7-8)

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Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads... “He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” (Matthew 27:39, 43)

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. (Psalm 22:14)

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When a spear was thrust in Jesus’ side water and blood flowed out. In addition, the pain of holding one’s weight on nails would cause the victim to go out of joint.

My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth... (Psalm 22:15)

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Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” (John 19:28)

...they pierce my hands and my feet. (Psalm 22:16)

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They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment. (Psalm 22:18)

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When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. (Matthew 27:35)

They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it! (Psalm 22:31)

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... Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:30)

So, was the crucifixion God’s deliberate plan?

Yes!

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“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Is He your Lord and Savior?)

(Now how do I live?) Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:55-58)

HOME GROUP Questions for Psalm 22:

1. This Psalm sounds like it was written at the foot of the cross. How do you think the following verses point to the cross of Jesus and describe what He endured?
 - Psalm 22:1 (Matthew 27:46)
 - Psalm 22:7 (Mark 15:29)
 - Psalm 22:8 (Matthew 27:41-43)
 - Psalm 22:14 (John 19:28)
 - Psalm 22:16
 - Psalm 22:17
 - Psalm 22:18 (Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:24; Luke 23:34; John 19:23-24)
 - Psalm 22:31 (John 19:30)
2. What can you conclude about Jesus fulfilling prophecy by reading Psalm 22. How does this affect your faith?
3. When you read this Psalm, what do you think David “feels” as he struggles through life? Read Psalm 22:1-2 & 6.
 - Have you ever felt like you were abandoned by God? If so, how would you describe that time in your life?
 - What can you do to remind yourself of God’s presence when you feel abandoned, attacked and alone? What did David do to remind himself that God was still with him in times of feeling abandoned? Read Psalm 22:3-5 & 9-11.
 - How can your small group help to remind you of God’s care and concern for you?