

Treasury of the Psalms

Psalm 22 Caleb Johnston 9/3/2025

Psalm 22 is a prophetic Psalm that vividly describes the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Written by King David around 1000 BC, nearly a millennium before Jesus' birth and death, this Psalm stands out in its detailed portrayal of Christ's suffering. While the entire Bible contains accounts of Christ's death, none delve into the depths of His heart and pain like Psalm 22. Often, we focus on the physical agony Christ endured on the cross, but this Psalm serves as a window, allowing us to a view into the profound spiritual anguish that the gospel accounts alone were unable to capture. If the gospels provide the historical record of the disciples' writings about the crucifixion, then Psalm 22 offers the spiritual record, unveiling through divine inspiration and perfect preservation the depths of Christ's heart as He bore all sin.

- 1) From the Outside Looking In Matt. 27:26-50
- 2) From the Inside Looking Out Ps. 22:1-21

Term	Definition
Forsaken	Deserted, left, abandoned
Roaring	Cry of an animal, often a bull or lion
Cry	To utter a loud voice, call or exclaim with vehemence, prayer
Reproach	Shame, disgrace, object of contempt
Scorn	Extreme contempt
Contempt	Act of despising, shame, disgrace
Gape	To open the mouth as for food, desire earnestly
Ravening	Voracious devouring
Potsherd	Piece or fragment of a broken pot
Darling	Dearly beloved; "my only one"

Psalm 22	New Testament Fulfillment / Connection
Psalm 22:1	Matt. 27:46; Mark 16:25; Matt. 27:45; Isa. 59:1-2; Ps. 88:14-18; Isa. 53:11-12; Heb. 9:26; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:24; Gal 3:13
Psalm 22:2	Luke 22:39-46; 2 Sam. 15:30
Psalm 22:6-7	Matt. 27:29, 39–40
Psalm 22:8	Matt. 27:43
Psalm 22:10	1 John 3:10; Rom. 5:12
Psalm 22:11	Matt. 26:56; 27:46
Psalm 22:12-13	Matt. 27:27, 41–44; Deut. 3:13; Ex. 32; Deut. 32:17; Ps. 106:37-38; 1 Cor. 10:20; 1 Pet. 5:8
Psalm 22:14	John 19:34
Psalm 22:15	Matt. 27:50; Phi. 2:8
Psalm 22:16	John 20:27-28

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Psalm 22:17	John 19:36; Matt. 27:36
Psalm 22:18	Matt. 27:35; John 19:23–24
Psalm 22:19	Luke 22:44; Heb. 5:7-9
Psalm 22:20	John 19:30
Psalm 22:21	Isa. 5:14; Jer. 51:34; Rev. 12:4