

Good Friday
April 22, 2011
Jesus' Love Held Him on the Cross

Psalm 22 (written around 1000 B.C.): The Crucifixion of Jesus was God's plan.

This passage describes the agonies of crucifixion graphically, yet, notably, man had not even conceived of crucifixion in David's time. Indeed, it first stalked onto the stage of human barbarism some four centuries later as a Persian invention. The Romans later adopted this barbaric mode of execution and evolved it to the excruciating form of torture practiced at the time of Jesus. Surely, this prophecy, made four centuries before a crucifixion ever took place, is one of the most powerful arguments for the divine inspiration of Scripture!

M.S. Mills, *The Life of Christ: A Study Guide to the Gospel Record* (Dallas, TX: 3E Ministries, 1999).

Jesus quoted Psalm 22:1

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Psalm 22:1 ESV

And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Mark 15:34 ESV

The onlookers mocked Jesus and quoted verses 7-8.

All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

Psalm 22:7-8 ESV

And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "...let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.' "

Matthew 27:39-43 ESV

The suffering of Christ fulfills verses 14-15

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

Psalm 22:14-15 ESV

Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

John 19:28-29 ESV

The Romans soldier's evil actions fulfill verse 16.

For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—

Psalm 22:16 ESV

So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

John 20:25 ESV

The soldier's actions fulfilled verse 18.

they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

Psalm 22:18 ESV

so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things,

John 19:24 ESV

The crucifixion of Jesus was never man's idea, but God designed it for the redemption of sinners.

God's love for sinners is seen in the crucifixion of Jesus. but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8 ESV

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. **1 John 4:10 ESV**

Jesus Christ submitted himself to the cross because of his love for God and sinners.

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us... **1 John 3:16 ESV**

And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. **Ephesians 5:2 ESV**

God the Father was pleased with the crucifixion of Jesus, the righteous for the unrighteous.

God the Father planned all of the details of the crucifixion because He loves lost people.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. **Isaiah 53:10 ESV**

Jesus Christ truly loves lost people and joyfully died in their place.

and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood... **Revelation 1:5 ESV**

looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2 ESV