

The Psalms: “Why Have You Forsaken Me?”

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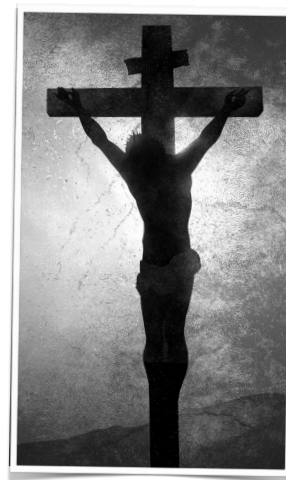
Can you find the *Gospel of MATTHEW* in your Bible? We're going to read from *Matthew 27* today before turning our Bibles over to *Psalms 22*. For a few weeks, we're looking at some of the psalms David wrote. What's the connection to Jesus? How do the psalms help us see our King and understand his will for our lives?

Matthew 27:45-50 is a sad description of what Jesus went through on the cross:

Now from the **sixth hour** → We would say _____:00 PM
there was darkness over all

the land until the **ninth hour**. → We would say _____:00 PM

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying,
“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, _____
have you forsaken me?” And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said,
“This man is calling Elijah.”



But Jesus **WASN'T** calling out for Elijah. He was quoting the first line of *Psalms 22*, a thousand-year-old psalm of David. But **WHY?** Notice some of the things David wrote in *Psalms 22* and how much it sounds like what Jesus was going through:

All who see me _____ me... (*22:6-8*)

I am poured out like water,

and all my _____ are out of joint... (*22:14-15*)

...they have _____ my hands and feet...

...they divide my _____ among them,

and for my clothing they cast lots. (*22:16-18*)

What's the connection? Of all the passages Jesus could quote from the cross, why *Psalms 22*?
What does it help us believe about our King? **Let's talk about it...**

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Can you find the matches between [Psalm 22](#) and [Matthew 27](#)?
Draw a line from David's words in [Psalm 22](#) to what Jesus went through for us in [Matthew 27](#):

"All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me;
they wag their heads." (Psalm 22:7)

Matthew 27:43

"He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him" (Psalm 22:8)

Matthew 27:35

"They divide my garments among them, and for my
clothing they cast lots." (Psalm 22:18)

Matthew 27:39

