

Bible Sunday Sermon



11-2-25

SERMON TITLE: “A CROSS FORETOLD—The Prophecy of Psalm 22”

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, open our eyes today to see Your hand at work across the pages of Scripture.

Help us stand in awe of how You foretold the sufferings of Christ a thousand years before the cross.

May our hearts burn within us as we behold Jesus—our Redeemer, our Savior, our King. In His holy name we pray, Amen.

**(1 of 3) THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS—
PROPHECY IN THE PSALMS**

Picture King David, pen in hand, writing under

the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
He had never seen a Roman soldier. He had never witnessed a crucifixion.
And yet, in Psalm 22, David paints a picture so detailed that it feels like standing at the foot of Calvary.

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

These are the very words Jesus cried from the cross in Matthew 27:46.

Matthew 27:46 NIV

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?”).

It wasn’t coincidence—it was fulfillment.
Psalm 22 was written a millennium before Golgotha, but its details match the crucifixion perfectly:

“They pierce my hands and my feet.” — Psalm 22:16

“All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me.” — Psalm 22:17

“They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.” — Psalm 22:18

None of these things happened to David. But they all happened to Jesus.

When the Roman soldiers drove nails into His hands and feet, when they gambled for His robe at the foot of the cross, the prophetic psalm of David was being fulfilled word for word.

Application:

This shows us the cross was not a tragic accident—it was a divine appointment.

Long before the wood was cut, before the nails were forged, God had already written the script of redemption.

Every prophecy points to Jesus. Every verse whispers His name.

Let this truth strengthen your faith: God’s plan is never random.

If He orchestrated the details of the crucifixion

centuries in advance, you can trust Him with the details of your life today.

(2 of 3) THE SUFFERING SAVIOR — THE DEPTH OF HIS LOVE

The middle section of Psalm 22 reveals the agony of Christ on the cross. David's words give us a window into the soul of the Savior.

“I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me.” — Psalm 22:14

Jesus wasn't just physically suffering—He was emotionally and spiritually crushed. He bore the weight of the world's sin, including yours and mine.

When He cried, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

He experienced for the first and only time in

eternity a separation from the Father.
He was forsaken so that we would never have
to be.

***“But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was
on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”
— Isaiah 53:5 (NIV)***

Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53 together show that
God’s plan was love, not coincidence.
The cross reveals how far God would go to
save us.
He didn’t send an angel—He came Himself.

Illustration:

Imagine a lifeguard who sees someone
drowning.

He doesn’t just shout instructions from the
shore—he dives into the water,
risking his own life to bring them to safety.
That’s what Jesus did for us. He dove into our
sin, our pain, our death—to rescue us.

Application:

When you feel forgotten or unloved, remember Psalm 22.

The same God who wrote your redemption into history has written your name into the palm of His hands (Isaiah 49:16).

Isaiah 49:16 NIV

See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.

You are not abandoned—you are loved beyond measure.

(3 of 3) THE VICTORY DECLARED—“HE HAS DONE IT!”

The psalm doesn't end in sorrow—it ends in triumph!

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

Those words echo forward a thousand years to another hill, another cry:

“It is finished.” — John 19:30 (NIV)

The same declaration of victory!

What began as **“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”**

ends with **“He has done it!”**

Suffering gives way to salvation.

Despair turns into deliverance.

Jesus didn't die defeated—He died victorious!
The devil didn't take His life; Jesus laid it down willingly.

And when He rose on the third day, the prophecy was complete.

The cross wasn't the end—it was the turning point of eternity.

“Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.” — Philipians 2:9 (NIV)

Application:

Psalm 22 reminds us that no matter how dark the night, morning is coming.

If God could turn the darkest day in history into the greatest victory, He can redeem your pain, your past, your story.

Call to Response:

Today, if you've drifted from the Lord, remember the One whose hands and feet were pierced for you.

He has done it—salvation is complete!

You don't have to earn it; you simply receive it by faith.

“If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” — Romans 10:9 (NIV)

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, we thank You that the cross was not a surprise—it was Your plan of love.

Thank You that Psalm 22 reminds us You were never defeated, but victorious. You have done it! It is finished! Help us live every day with gratitude, courage, and confidence in Your Word. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

