QUESTIONS For personal reflection or group discussion

- 1. When have you felt the furthest from God? What has helped you in the past when you have felt this way?
- 2. Read Psalm 22:1-21. Why do you think Jesus said these exact same words on the cross?

This psalm has two parts. This first half is a cry of despair. Why do you think the biblical psalms model for us, again and again, that we can be totally honest with God when we feel life is unfair? Why is that kind of honesty better than any other alternative?

- 3. Read the second half of Psalm 22, verses 22-31. Here the mood changes—it becomes triumphant—almost playful! If the verses in the first half of Psalm 22 describe the suffering of Christ, how do these verses relate to Jesus?
- 4. Of the three application points from the message, which do you need particularly to hear at this point in your life? Why?
- 5. Now that you have read Psalm 22, when you see Jesus quoting the first phrase here, do you think it is a deliberate quotation?

Thank Jesus for His suffering and death on your behalf. Please pray that God will impact your life and the lives of many others at the Good Friday and Easter services next weekend. Invite your family and friends!

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- To be included in the TLC prayer letter, visit tlc.org/prayer
- To give, use the boxes in the lobby or visit tlc.org/give
- Sign up for our weekly email newsletter at tlc.org/newsletter

WELCOME HOME

TWIN LAKES CHURCH 4/12 & 13, 2025 SATURDAYS 6PM SUNDAYS 9 & 11AM

New? Meet us at the *After Party* sign in the lobby for a gift bag!

NEXT WEEKEND: EASTER!

- Featuring Andrey Chmut, talented saxophonist & collaborator with jazz legend Bob James
- Enjoy free food, photo booths, bounce houses, cupcake decorating & egg stuffing stations!
- Grab an Easter card from the lobby to invite others!
- EASTER VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! TLC.ORG/EASTER





WEEK 7: WHERE ARE YOU, GOD? MATTHEW 27:46

Psalm 22 (1,000 B.C.)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Psalm 22:1a NIV

Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me; **They pierce my hands and my feet.** Psalm 22:16

All who see me **mock me**; they **hurl insults**, shaking their heads. "**He trusts in the LORD**," they say, "**let the LORD rescue him**." Psalm 22:6-7

People stare and gloat over me. They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment. Psalm 22:17,18

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 Crucifixion of Christ (33 A.D.)

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?". Matt. 27:46

There they **crucified him**... John 19:18

Those who passed by **hurled** insults at him, shaking their heads... "He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him..." Matt. 27:39,43

When they had crucified him, they **divided up his clothes** by **casting lots**. Matt. 27:35

One of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a **sudden flow of blood and water**. John 20:34

In quoting Psalm 22 on the cross,	Jesus is saying	this about hi	s suffering
and yours:			

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The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD will praise Him.

May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD.

All the families of the nations will bow down before Him. Psalm 22:26-27

All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before Him—even those unable to preserve their lives. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: **He has done** it! Psalm 22:29-31

Help our People's Pantry on Easter Weekend!

We want our barrels in the lobby to be overflowing with the following food items for our pantry:

- Cold cereal in boxes
- 15 oz. cans of chili, veggies, fruit, beans, or soup
- Canned chicken or tuna
- 16 oz. jars of peanut butter
- 7 oz. Rice-A-Roni boxes

Please be sure they are new and not expired! For more info contact robin@tlc.org or go to tlc.org/peoplespantry.