

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Final Sacrifice – [Psalm 22](#)

Everyone who sees me mocks me; they sneer and shake their heads.

Psalm 22:7

Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of the crucifixion graphically portrayed in this psalm. This psalm from David pulls us quickly to the cross as we see Jesus live out its vicious savagery. What are a few of the ways Psalm 22 points to the coming crucifixion of Jesus?

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Here is the anguish of Jesus as He bore the consequences of our sin. Perhaps, also, Jesus is calling attention to this writing, as if He was declaring, “This is fulfilled in Me today!”

“They have pierced my hands and feet.” After His resurrection, Jesus invited His disciples to see His hands and feet where they had been pierced by the nails.

“They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” After nailing Jesus to the cross, the Roman soldiers divided His clothing among themselves. His tunic, however, was one large, seamless item so they gambled to see who would win the prize.

However, the cross and resurrection ended sin’s power and death’s sting. It was not the end but the beginning of hope for all who would trust in Jesus. Recall these words from Psalm 22:

“You who fear the LORD, praise him!” “For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted.” “They shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.” The ending of this psalm is as powerfully confident as the first verses are forcefully ruthless. Overcoming the cruel cross, Jesus is triumphant.

Remembering this psalm, we look from the cross to the empty tomb, knowing Jesus victoriously gave His life that we might have hope. Today, thank God that Jesus endured the cruelty of the cross so we could proclaim His righteousness.