

## **Easter 2005**

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### **1. The Psalm Of The Cross – Psalm 22**

### **2. The Doe Of The Morning**

- A graceful deer, the innocent target of pursuit by relentless, bloodthirsty hunters.
- Psalm of David written 1000 B.C. of real suffering in his own life.
- Prophetic Messianic Psalm foreshadowing the death of Jesus Christ by crucifixion.

### **3. Forsaken By The Father**

- My God, My God = "Eloi" "my strong one"
- Why have You forsaken Me?
- Davidic complaint but Messianic declaration
- Literally: "For what great purpose have you forsaken me?" Jesus cried out in faith
- Vs. 2 "yet Thou art holy, O Thou who are enthroned ..."

### **4. Sayings From The Cross**

- "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they are doing?" Luke 23:34
- "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise" Luke 23:43
- "Woman behold your son!" "Behold your mother!" John 19:26-27
- "I am thirsty" John 19: 28
- "Father, into your hands I commit My spirit"
- "It is finished" John 19:30 Luke 23:46

## 5. Mocked And Scorned By Man

- Vs. 6 Worm = "tola" Jesus is the tola crushed to dye our stains of sin
- Isaiah 53:5 "He was crushed for our iniquities"
- Hebrews 9:14 the cleansing blood of Christ
- Vs. 6&7 Scorned, sneered at, mocked, despised by the people Matthew 27:37-41
- "Yet Thou art He who didst bring me forth from the womb ... Thou hast been My God" Vs. 9

## 6. Hunted By His Enemies

- Vs. 12 Jesus the doe surrounded by bulls and roaring lions opening their mouths
- His oppressors, authorities, hunters
- Genesis 3:15 "He shall bruise (crush) you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel"
- The Doe and the Serpent (arch enemy)
- Vs. 13 "They open wide their mouth at me"

## 7. The Suffering Of Crucifixion

- Vs. 14 "poured out like water", "shall my bones are out of joint", "my heart is like wax" (melting)
- Vs. 15 "strength dried up like potsherd" "my tongue sticks to my jaws"
- Vs. 16 "dogs have surrounded me", "they pierced my hands & my feet"
- Vs. 17 "I can count all my bones", "they stare at me"
- Vs. 18 "they divide my garments", "for my clothing they cast lots"

## 8. Resurrected From Death

- Vs. 20 "deliver my soul from the sword"
- Vs. 21 "save Me from the lion's mouth"
- What has happened between Vs. 21 & 22?

- "UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE, WITH A MIGHTY TRIUMPH O'ER HIS FOES"
- Vs. 22 "I will tell of Thy name to my brethren"
- "In the midst of the assembly I will praise Thee"
- Vs. 24 "but when He cried out to Him for help, He heard"

## 9. Ascended To Heaven

- Vs. 28 The victorious declaration
- "FOR THE KINGDOM IS THE LORD'S, AND HE RULES OVER THE NATIONS"
- Vs. 30 The provision of salvation
- "IT WILL BE TOLD OF THE LORD TO THE COMING GENERATIONS"
- "THEY WILL COME AND WILL DECLARE HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS"

## 10. New Life Through Jesus:

*"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; And whoever lives and believes in me will never die."*

John 11:25

## 11. Application

- God is holy and good and will not ultimately abandon His children
- Suffering for doing God's will brings us into maturity as sons and daughters
- We cannot out-suffer Jesus our Saviour
- The same Holy Spirit that raised Jesus to life lives within us, and empowers us
- Satan will attempt to defeat us through enemies and trials, but God's kingdom purposes will be fulfilled through us
- Salvation is by faith in the finished work of Jesus on the cross
- Heaven is home
- Communion is a celebration of life