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SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: 21

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP: 46 SUNDAY PM WORSHIP: 10

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 16

OFFERING: \$1655

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Welcome to the
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Sermon

Psalm 22 – The Crucifixion of the Messiah

Gathering Times

Sunday Bible class 9:30 AM Sunday morning worship 10:30 AM

Sunday evening worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible study 6:00 PM **(NEW TIME)**

SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Psalm 22 – The Crucifixion of the Messiah

Overview- There are 64 "Messianic" psalms out of the 150 inspired psalms given in our Bible. "8" is a number which the Bible uses to symbolize "an abundance" or "excess," as when God flooded the world when keeping alive Noah and his family. God had started the world through 2 before, but this time restarted mankind through 8, much more than was needed, meaning God gave "an excess" multiplied by "an excess" of prophetic psalms to identify His Messiah or to describe what would happen to Him. Psalm 22 is one of the most blatant, describing in detail, the exact things which would be happening to the Messiah from His point of view, while being written approximately 1,000 years before it would happen.

Verse 1 Matt. 27:46 & Psm. 2:2-7 (The words that Jesus will utter while on the cross, applying this psalm to Himself, fulfilling the prophecy that He is the Christ Who was promised, which therefore means that He is also God's Son. This question will be answered in verses 4-5.)

Verses 2-3 John 12:20-27 & Matt. 26:36-46 (Jesus was up all night praying to God asking that, if it was possible, this torturous end be taken from Him, but that He desired God's will be done more than His Own. He still was up all day and night knowing this was coming for Him.)

Verses 4-5 2 Pet. 3:9 & Rom. 3:23, 6:23 & Isa. 30:18 & Heb. 2:9 (This is the reason that God allowed Jesus to suffer and die on the cross, so that all of God's people from all time who cried out to Him for salvation would be saved. God does not want that any soul should perish in Hell, but that His justice demands that all humans who sin, which is everyone who knows good and evil, must have the penalty of death paid for those sins. Thus, the Word of God put on flesh to come and pay that debt Himself, and God the Father allowed Him to do it, not saving Him from the pain and shame of the cross.)

Verse 6 Isa. 1:18 & 2 Cor. 5:21 & John 6:53-58 (The Messiah calls Himself a "worm" which is the Hebrew word "tola." This is the same word used for the word "scarlet," since most of the scarlet dye in the ancient world came from the kermes ilicis worm. The mother worm attaches herself to the wood of a tree and lays her eggs under herself. She will die attached to that tree. Before she does, her body swells up with the scarlet blood and liquid that will nourish her babies, who will then eat her dead body and drink the liquid when they start life. The world would harvest these worms from the trees and crush out the scarlet dye. However, scarlet is also the color that God sees sin in Isaiah. Therefore, worm=scarlet=sin, which is what Christ became on the cross as He took on all the sins of the world to have them die with Him. This worm's lifecycle, and this passage of how the Messiah would "become sin" to die on the cross with them previewed God's eternal plan of salvation.)

Verses 7-8 Matt. 27:43 (The Septuagint, Greek Old Testament, quotes this correctly, prophesying and matching the exact words which Matthew recorded were hurled at Jesus while He was on the cross.) Verses 9-11 Matt. 26:51-54 (God was never far from Jesus, Who knew at any moment that He wanted, He could have called to God for freedom and over 12,000 angels would have freed Him instantly and destroyed the world.)

Verses 12-21 John 19:36, 23-24 (Jesus was surrounded by "bulls," expensive, revered ceremonially clean animals - Religious elite Jews - and "dogs," ceremonially unclean animals - Gentile Roman soldiers - who were crucifying Him. God described the Messiah getting crucified, but never breaking any bones, and even having His clothing taken and gambled away for, over 1,000 years before it all played out. The

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICES ARE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK LIVE

- ▶ **Classes and sermons are available on YouTube.**
- ▶ **There is a children's Bible study during the sermon.**
- ▶ **Please plan to invite guests to attend Sunday morning worship each week in May for the "Foundations of Our Faith" series. Food will be provided each week following worship, beginning with a potluck on Sunday, May 3rd!!**
- ▶ **This Wednesday, April 29th is the 5th Wednesday. Any men interested in reading a scripture, leading a prayer or a song, or giving a short (10 min. or less) devotional (content approved by Elders or Dominic), please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.**
- ▶ **ATTENTION LADIES: Please plan to attend a Mothers Day Brunch and Devotional – Saturday May 16th at 10 am. Food will be provided for our Tea Party Theme. There will be no Apologetics class on that date.**

Sermon Scripture References - cont'd:

lions and wild oxen, or cape buffalo, are again dangerous unclean and clean beasts which were afflicting Him.)

Verses 22-24 Heb. 2:12 & Matt. 18:20 (Verse 22 correctly captured in Hebrews, and Jesus foretells how, despite Him dying, He will still be praising God in the midst of the congregation. Jesus told us that wherever "2 or 3" have gathered in His Name, He is there also in their midst, meaning He has been with us during our gathering today and has been praising God amongst us this morning as we have.)

Verses 25-31 Matt. 7:7-8 & Phlip. 2:5-11 & Rev. 5:13 (All who seek God will find Him, just as Jesus promised in His ministry, because God does not want any should perish. Because Jesus obediently went through what He did, He has been given all power and authority and the Name above every other, and all will bow to Him at the end of time, regardless of who or what they are.)

PRAY FOR



**Greg & Wanda Mattson's daughter, Jaime
(recovering from a brain aneurysm)**

Gary Bates (to resolve his VA benefits)

Adrian Osborne (macular degeneration treatments)

Sandi Murie's niece, Lace (brain tumor)

Shut-ins: Kathie & Eddie Rose, Wally Dickinson