

“Jesus Christ in the OT” Pt. 7  
Psalm 22:1-21 (22:1-5)  
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We move from Moses and the first five books of the Bible to the **Messianic Psalms**. These Psalms were written by David speaking of his future seed and promised king.

Psalms 22, 23, and 24 present Christ the Shepherd. Psalm 22 speaks of the Good Shepherd dying for his sheep; Psalm 23 speaks of the Great Shepherd caring for his sheep; and Psalm 24 speaks of the Chief Shepherd coming for his sheep.

Verses 1-21 deals with the death of Christ on the cross while verses 22-31 deal with the resurrection and coronation of Christ.

Though this Psalm deals with the suffering of David, it has a prophetic revelation of Christ. Remember; when you interpret Scripture there is a primary interpretation, a practical application, and a prophetic revelation.

No known incident in the life of David fits the details of this psalm. The expressions describe an execution, not an illness; so this is a prophetic revelation about Christ on the cross.

**TT-** What did Jesus feel on the cross? What was Christ’s commentary on the cross?

**I. He Felt Deserted by the Lord [vs. 1-5].**

**Verses 1-2:** Jesus quoted this on Calvary and recorded in both Mathew and Mark.

‘Forsaken’ is a strong expression for personal abandonment, intensely felt by David in his experiences and Christ on the cross.

The separation from the Father was the most painful experience on the cross as Jesus bore the sins of all who would believe from all over the world.

**1 John 2:2**, “And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.”

**1 John 4:14**, “And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.

Jesus experienced what condemned lost sinners will experience in this life and the next. He still called the Father “My God” even in His separation. After he born the sins of the unredeemed, He cried out “Father into your hands I commit My Spirit.”

*Christ felt deserted on the cross by God, but secondly he felt despised by the people.*

## **II. He Felt Despised by the People [vs. 6-11].**

**Verse 6:** This speaks of how little value the leaders of Israel and the Roman officials placed on Jesus of Nazareth.

A worm is a creature that is helpless, frail, and unwanted.

**Isaiah 52:14**, “As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:”

**Isaiah 53:3**, “He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.”

*Christ felt deserted by the Lord, despised by the people, and thirdly, He felt damned by the Law.*

## **III. He Felt Damned by the Law [vs. 12-21].**

Christ looked around and saw his enemies, and they were so brutal he compared them to animals- bulls, lions, and dogs.

The people involved in arresting and condemning Jesus were beasts attacking the Creator. **Turn to-**

**Acts 4:23-28**, “And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. (24) And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: (25) Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? (26) The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. (27) For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, (28) For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.”

It is not difficult to see the fulfillment of this chapter in the NT story of the cross:

Ps. 22:1- Christ spoke these words on the cross.

Ps. 22:2- Alternate light and darkness.

Ps. 22:6-8-The reproach of the people.

Ps. 22:11-12-No help was offered Him.

Ps. 22:14- bones dislocated.

Ps. 22:16 His hands and feet pierced.

Ps. 22:17 People staring at Him.

Ps. 22:18 Gambling for His garments.

Gap between v. 21 and v. 22- 1<sup>st</sup> coming and 2<sup>nd</sup> coming, cross and the crown, between Calvary and Olivet.

**Con:** John Walvoord in the BKC says this about being damned by the law--

The question is, "Why?" Why should the holy, sinless Son of God suffer the concentrated horror of eternal hell in those three long hours of darkness? Scripture gives us the answer.

**First of all**, God is holy, righteous and just, and this means that He must punish sin wherever He finds it. To wink at sin or to overlook it is impossible for God.

That brings us to the **second point**. Although the Lord Jesus had no sins of His own, He took our sins upon Himself. He voluntarily assumed responsibility to pay the penalty of all our iniquities.

The debt we owed was charged to His account, and He willingly became surety for it all. But now what can God do? All His righteous attributes demand that sin be punished. Yet here He looks down and sees His only begotten Son becoming the scapegoat for others. The Son of His love has become our Sin-bearer. What will God do when He sees our sins laid on His own beloved Son?

There was never any doubt as to what God would do! He deliberately unleashed all the fury of His righteous wrath on His own beloved Son. The fierce torrent of divine judgment broke upon the innocent Victim.

For our sakes, Christ was **forsaken** by **God** so that we might **never** be forsaken.

"Oh, What a Savior."