

In His Final Hour **John 19:16-24**

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Even though the crucifixion is not described in detail, yet 1000 years before David described it almost perfectly in Psalm 22.

1 ¶ « To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Deer of the Dawn." A Psalm of David. »

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning? 2 O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; And in the night season, and am not silent. 3 But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel. 4 Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, and You delivered them. 5 They cried to You, and were delivered; They trusted in You, and were not ashamed. 6 But I am a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised by the people. 7 All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, 8 "He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!" 9 But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts. 10 I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's womb You have been My God.

11 ¶ Be not far from Me, For trouble is near; For there is none to help. 12 Many bulls have surrounded Me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me. 13 They gape at Me with their mouths, Like a raging and roaring lion. 14 I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death. 16 For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; 17 I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. 18 They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots. 19 But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me! 20 Deliver Me from the sword, My precious life from the power of the dog. 21 Save Me from the lion's mouth And from the horns of the wild oxen! You have answered Me.

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- I. But
 - A. After describing the heartlessness of the soldiers John reflects on those who cared about Jesus.
 - B. There are always contrasts in life.
 - 1. There will be many things that oppose us and would drain our strength and our spiritual health.
 - 2. But there will also be those things that help us to be strong, give us encouragement and joy.
 - 3. So even when all have forsaken Him there are at least these 4 women and one of His disciples who have proved faithful.
- II. The women of the cross.
 - A. The mother of Jesus, who is never named in John's gospel.
 - B. The sister of Mary, Salome, the mother of James and John, none of which are named in this gospel by name.
 - C. Mary the wife of Clopas who many believe was the mother of James the less.
 - D. Mary Magdalene out of whom Jesus had cast seven demons.
- III. He loved His own unto the end.
 - A. Because His brothers were not believers yet.
 - B. He commits the keeping of His mother, Mary to John.
 - 1. John 13:1 says that He loved His own to the end.
 - 2. And here in the midst of all that is going on, Jesus takes care for His mother.
- IV. Everything accomplished.
 - A. He knew
 - B. Tetelestai
 - C. One final thing (I thirst)
 - 1. Ps 69:21 They also gave me gall for my food, And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.
 - D. Sour wine
- V. The final cry
- VI. Gave up the spirit