

NO GREATER LOVE

Psalm 22:1-31

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*Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life
for his friends. John 15:13*

What is God trying to teach us from the Psalm of the cross?

1. The Messiah would be abandoned by the Father.

*My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Far from my
deliverance are the words of my groaning. Psalm 22:1*

A. When Jesus took our sins, the Father had to turn away.

*Your eyes are too pure to approve evil, and You cannot
look on wickedness with favor. Habakkuk 1:13*

**B. When Jesus took our sins, He experienced
the fate of sinners.**

*And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away
from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His
power. 2 Thessalonians 1:9*

2. The Messiah would be brutalized by the people.

A. He would experience excruciating physical pain.

They pierced my hands and my feet. Psalm 22:16

B. He would experience excruciating emotional pain.

*People insult me and look down on me. Everyone who sees me
makes fun of me. They shake their heads and stick out their
tongues at me. They say, "Call to the LORD for help. Maybe
He will save you. If He likes you so much, surely He
will rescue you!" Psalm 22:6-8 ERV*

3. The Messiah would be victorious over death.

*I will tell of Your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will
praise You. You who fear the LORD, praise Him; All you descendants
of Jacob, glorify Him, and stand in awe of Him, all you descendants
of Israel. Psalm 22:22-23*

A. By God's grace, He died for all.

For a short time Jesus was made lower than the angels, but now we see him wearing a crown of glory and honor because he suffered and died. Because of God's grace, Jesus died for everyone.

Hebrews 2:9 ERV

B. By God's power, He conquered death and hell.

The LORD is king, and He rules the nations. All proud people will bow down to Him; all mortals will bow down before Him.

Future generations will serve him; they will speak of the Lord to the coming generation. People not yet born will be told:

"The Lord saved his people." Psalm 22:28-31 GNB

C. By God's love, He became a scarlet worm.

But I am a worm, and not a man, a reproach of men and despised by the people. Psalm 22:6

Have you responded to the greatest love of all?