



A Shocking End?

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What questions do you ask when a baby is born?

An ancient [prophecy](#) pointing to the [coming Messiah](#)

Psalm 22:1-2, 6-8, 14-18

¹ *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

*Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?*

² *My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.*

⁶ *But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by everyone, despised by the people.*

⁷ *All who see me mock me;
they hurl insults, shaking their heads.*

⁸ *"He trusts in the Lord," they say,
"let the Lord rescue him.*

*Let him deliver him,
since he delights in him."*

¹⁴ *I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint.*

*My heart has turned to wax;
it has melted within me.*

¹⁵ *My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
you lay me in the dust of death.*

¹⁶ *Dogs surround me,
a pack of villains encircles me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.*

¹⁷ *All my bones are on display;
people stare and gloat over me.*

¹⁸ *They divide my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment.*

This is a Psalm of David... but with all of his suffering, he never encountered anything like this

This is a prophecy pointing to the Messiah...who would come as a suffering servant!

The fulfillment of the prophecy... The Messiah came

King David, who wrote this prophetic Psalm lived around 1,000 B.C.

Psalm 22 is fulfilled in the death of Jesus as recorded in the gospels (1,000 years after the Psalm was written)

Understanding the prophecy... The Messiah is here today

Why reflect deeply on the death of Jesus when we are celebrating his birth?
Because it is all one story!

God's Love (Jesus came as a gift of love)

John 3:16

¹*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

1 John 4:10

¹ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Our Problem (Jesus came to deal with our problem)

Romans 3:23

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Romans 6:23

²³ For the wages of sin is death...

God's Solution (Jesus is the final solution to the biggest problem)

Romans 5:6-8

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Our Response (To respond to the gift Jesus offers us!)

Romans 10:9-11

⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame."

Embracing the prophecy and fulfilment... Walking with the Messiah

God's Christmas Gift... if you have already opened it

God's Christmas Gift... if you have never received it