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Jesus gave Himself for us just as the Scriptures foretold centuries earlier. As Jesus told the disciples on the road to Emmaus after He rose again, they were “slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken” (Luke 24:25).

The prophecies fulfilled on the cross include those in Psalm 22. This is a song of David and one of my favourite psalms.

We can see it is a Messianic psalm even in the introduction. David asks the chief musician to play a particular melody for which the Hebrew translation is “morning star”—a symbol of the Messiah, the Chosen One who will come to redeem His people.

Psalm 22 begins, *My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?* These are the very words Jesus spoke on the cross as recorded in Matthew 27:46. Jesus knew He was fulfilling what David said a thousand years before the event.

Psalm 22:7-8 describes in detail what the people around the cross would say as the Messiah was dying: *All those who see Me ridicule Me; they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, “He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!”*

This comes to pass in Matthew 27:41-42: *Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, “He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him.”*

The detail becomes even more astounding. Psalm 22:12 says, *Many bulls have surrounded Me; strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me.* Bashan is a place in Israel with very good pasture land, so the bulls there grow big and beefy. This brings to mind the beefy Roman soldiers surrounding Jesus.

Even more importantly, the Hebrew translation for “encircled” is actually “crowned”—meaning that the “strong bulls of Bashan have crowned me”—a compelling image of the crown of thorns.

We read in Matthew 27:27-29: *Then the soldiers ... stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”*

Psalm 22:15 specifies what happens during crucifixion: *My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me*



to the dust of death. During crucifixion, the body dries out and the tongue literally clings to the roof of the mouth. You cannot imagine the thirst created by crucifixion.

John 19:28 tells us: *After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!"* Jesus knew what was in Psalm 22 before He went to the cross. He knew what He would suffer, and here He fulfills what David wrote.

The psalm continues to describe crucifixion in verse 16, saying, *They pierced my hands and my feet.*

We know this happened to Jesus because doubting Thomas said, *"Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe"* (John 20:25). And Thomas lost his doubts when Jesus told him, *"Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing"* (John 20:27).

We also read in Psalm 22:18, *They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.* This speaks of both dividing and casting lots.

John 19:23-24 tells us, *Then the soldiers ... took His*

garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it."

It's incredible to realize the detail of that prophecy a thousand years before the event, saying that not only will the clothing be divided, but one piece won't be divided and lots will be cast for it.

However, one part of Psalm 22's prophecy has not yet been fulfilled. Verses 27-28 tell us: *All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. For the kingdom is the LORD's, and He rules over the nations.*

Here is the final Messianic prophecy—that all the earth will hear. And who has that commission? Jesus gave it to us when He told His followers, *"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."* It's up to us to tell the nations what Jesus has done on the cross, that everyone can know the Lord and worship Him as the King of Kings. God bless you!

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Claudette has been given a new heart—twice. The first one was a new spiritual heart, and the second one a physical heart. Suffering from an extremely rare type of rupture, doctors had no hope that Claudette would survive, but God had other plans. Be sure to watch the rest of her testimony.



NINE MINUTES IN HEAVEN

"Her nine minutes in heaven were my nine minutes in hell," recalled Crystal's mother, as Crystal died in her hospital bed. But then, she came back to life—and had the most incredible story to tell. You won't want to miss it.

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LAURA-LYNN TYLER THOMPSON

Join Lorie as she catches up with our dear friend Laura-Lynn, former co-host of *The 700 Club Canada*. Laura-Lynn shares about her journey and how God is asking her to stand for righteousness in our country.

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KEN DYCK

Ken has been a pastor for more than 30 years and currently serves as executive pastor over sites and discipleship at Village Church. Join us as Ken shares about Freedom Session, a healing discipleship program, and how it can set you free.

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KAITLYN CEY

Kaitlyn Cey is an author, speaker, and leadership-certified coach. Her mission is to inspire and equip influencers to develop a mindset of hope and growth in order to flourish with purpose and change their world for Jesus.

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KIM LAUREEN

Kim Laureen is co-founder of Fresh Independence Productions. She is the director of the newly released documentary, *Selfless*, which opens a conversation about the ever-growing epidemic of social media and technology.

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CHRISTINE KINART

Christine is best described as a passionate Christ follower. She was diagnosed at 28 with uterine cancer, but when treatments failed, she turned to Jesus and everything changed.

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BILL MARKHAM

Bill is the lead pastor of Central Community Church. He harnesses the ability to translate the timeless truth of God's Word in such a way as to connect with both the growing believer and the first-time seeker.

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The Gethsemane Mindset

by BRIAN WARREN

Co-Host, The 700 Club Canada



Matthew 26:39 says, *And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."*

Jesus was definitely no helpless victim caught up in cruel circumstances beyond His control. Neither was He forced by His Father, the Jewish leaders, or the Roman government to be crucified. No, He willingly went to the cross for you and for me! In his book, *And the Angels Were Silent*, Max Lucado writes: "The battle is won. You may have thought it was won on Golgotha. It wasn't. You may have thought the sign of victory is the empty tomb. It isn't. The final battle was won in Gethsemane. And the sign of conquest is Jesus at peace in the olive trees. For it was in the garden that he made his decision. ... He would rather go to hell for you than go to heaven without you." What a friend we have in Jesus!

Vernon Grounds, author of *Radical Commitment* calls this attitude of obedience The Gethsemane Mindset. It's the attitude of trustful self-surrender demonstrated by Jesus as He prayed to the Father, *"not as I will, but as you will."* We develop this mindset as we follow Jesus' example, totally trusting God with all of our heart (Proverbs 3:5).

The Big Hope Truth: Jesus exposes the secret to moving forward in any painful situation. It's not so much about knowing what you face as much as knowing Who you have! That's The Gethsemane Mindset. The Big Hope Challenge: This month, reflect on Matthew 26:36-45 and pray, expressing your desire to fully surrender your will to the Father. Purposefully trust His heart when you can't trace His hand!

Scripture is quoted from the ESV.

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"Do not be afraid; only believe."

~ Luke 8:50



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How can we truly know God exists?

LORIE: The first verse of Scripture says, "In the beginning was God." It assumes there is a God. Another thing Scripture tells us is that faith is required. Faith pleases God, and part of knowing and believing in God is our exercise of putting faith in Him. Hebrews 11:6 says, *Without faith, it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.* So there is a need to seek Him earnestly. Scripture calls our attention to the evidence of God displayed in His creation. Romans 1:19-20 says that *what may be known about God is plain to [us], because God has made it plain to [us]. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.*

Scripture is quoted from the NIV.

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The Best Miracle Ever!



by LORIE HARTSHORN
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So many of us think, if only I could experience a miracle from God, then my faith would be stronger. As great as miracles are, and yes to seeing more of them, I believe that too often we overlook the greatest miracle that God has already done for us. The transformation of people. The transformation of us. He does this every time a person puts their faith and trust in Jesus. Ephesians 3:20 says, *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.* This miracle takes place on the inside of us. This truth that the Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of Christ, is in us is the greatest truth of the Gospel, even more than signs and wonders.

When people look at your life, do they say, “only God could do that”? Or, do they simply say, “good for you”? My point is, wouldn’t you rather be known for what God is doing in you to transform you? Wouldn’t you rather be known for supernatural living, not just natural living? John 14:17 says, *The world cannot accept him, because it*

neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

The gift of the Holy Spirit within us is what enables us to live life in a supernatural way. Sure, we still face troubles and heartache in this world, but we are able to keep going, to get back up, to encourage one another, and to endure with joy because of the Spirit in us. Now that’s supernatural! It’s like God knew that we couldn’t live this life in our own strength. So, He gives us Himself both to be with us and in us. You are a living miracle! The greatest miracle ever is that God lives in you. Live from that truth. Draw from His strength today for whatever you are facing and let people say, “only God could do that!”

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