

May 6 Answers

- 1) David's psalms. Psalm 22 is the psalm Jesus quoted as he hung on the **cross**. He cried, "My God, my God, why have You **forsaken** me?" (Ps 22:1a), and the words of this psalm were fulfilled as he endured the agony of crucifixion. He was **scorned** and despised (Ps 22:6), he was **mocked** for his trust in you (Ps 22:7), his enemies gathered around him to stare and **gloat** (Ps 22:12–13, 16–17), his hands and feet were **pierced** (Ps 22:16), and they divided his garments and cast **lots** for his clothing (Ps 22:18). Yet there is an undercurrent of **hope** running throughout the psalm. Jesus remembered that the fathers trusted in God and were **delivered** (Ps 22:3–5). He also recalled with gratitude God's personal, lifelong **care** for him: "From my mother's womb you have been my God" (Ps 22:9–10). This theme of trust rises at last in a crescendo of **joy**: "You have **rescued** me from the horns of the wild oxen!" (Ps 22:21b). Jesus rejoiced in the knowledge that his sacrifice would "bring many **sons** to glory," and he was not ashamed to call me his **brother**, saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise" (Heb 2:10–12; Ps 22:22). God didn't despise the suffering of His faithful servant, and God didn't hide His face from him (Ps 22:24b). When Jesus cried, the Father heard him, and though he died, God raised him up in victory to everlasting life! Hallelujah!